



HERITAGE AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

SPECIAL MEETING

Minutes

CITY OF DUBLIN

August 10, 2017

The August 10, 2017, Special Meeting of the Heritage and Cultural Arts Commission was called to order at 7:03 PM at the Shannon Community Center, Dublin, California, by Chair Szollos.

Commissioners (Cm.) Present: Bennett, Blackburn, Lau, Peesapati, Rawal, Szollos
Commissioners Absent: Vonheeder-Leopold

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Szollos led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 Public Comments

Ms. Vanessa Thomas, Dublin resident, introduced herself as a journalist and art photographer and requested a future agenda item on Dublin's promotion of arts events on social media platforms.

Mr. Steve Minniear, former Heritage and Cultural Arts Commissioner and President of the Dublin Historical Preservation Association (DHPA), recommended that the Commission review the Heritage Park and Museums Master Plan as a future agenda item.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

4.1 Minutes of the June 8, 2017 Regular Meeting

On a motion by Cm. Bennett, seconded by Cm. Lau, and by a vote of 6-0-0 with Cm. Vonheeder-Leopold absent, the Commission took the following action:

ACTION

Approved the minutes of the June 8, 2017 Regular Meeting as presented.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.

PUBLIC HEARING – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS

8.1 Spring 2017 Quarterly Report

Ms. Laura Johnston, Recreation Supervisor, provided the specifics of the item as outlined in the Staff Report.

Commissioners Lau and Peepsapati asked about the decrease in cultural arts class attendance and whether arts classes are offered at The Wave. Ms. Johnston explained that class numbers are expected to return to their previous level next season with the resumption of popular classes, and Staff is working toward offering cultural arts classes at The Wave facility.

Commissioners Szollos and Rawal provided feedback on their attendance at the Eggstravaganza and Spring Faire events.

ACTION

The Commission received the Report.

8.2 Art Space Grant Update

Ms. Tegan McLane, Cultural Arts and Heritage Manager, provided the specifics of the item as outlined in the Staff Report.

Chair Szollos commented that the updated program offers more flexibility.

Cm. Peepsapati asked about the organizations' feedback on the original program and Ms. McLane stated the organizations' feedback is included as attachments to the Staff Report.

Chair Szollos opened the floor for Public Comment.

Mr. Steve Minniear commented in support of the updated program and provided an explanation on the reason Dublin Historical Preservation Association decided to not participate in the program.

Seeing no further comment, Chair Szollos closed the floor for Public Comment.

Cm. Lau asked about the lead times for the updated program. Ms. McLane stated as much lead time as possible will be given, based on facility availability.

ACTION

The Commission received the Report.

8.3 Public Art Master Plan Update Procedure

Ms. Tegan McLane, Cultural Arts and Heritage Manager, provided the specifics of the item as outlined in the Staff Report.

The Commission made no comments on the item.

ACTION

The Commission received the Report.

8.4 Dog Park Public Art Deaccession

Ms. Tegan McLane, Cultural Arts and Heritage Manager, provided the specifics of the item as outlined in the Staff Report.

Ms. McLane informed the Commission that absent Cm. Vonheeder-Leopold contacted Staff to ask if the item could be discussed at a future meeting so that she could be present.

Chair Szollos commented on the historical significance of the art and maintaining the art, and asked about the timeframe for the project and Ms. McLane said it is a slow process that could take months.

Chair Szollos opened the floor for Public Comment.

Mr. Steve Minniear provided historical context and commented against deaccession of the art and in favor of maintaining the art.

Mr. Rich Guarienti, Dublin resident, provided historical context and commented against deaccession of the art and in favor of maintaining the art.

Seeing no further comment, Chair Szollos closed the floor for Public Comment.

Cm. Bennett asked if a partial removal of the art could be done. Ms. McLane stated that a partial removal would be modifying the artwork and the City would have to get approval from the artist to modify the art.

Cm. Peepsapati asked if the art could be moved to a new location. Ms. McLane stated that this may be an option.

Cm. Lau commented in favor of maintaining the art, but would like to discuss the item in more detail as a future agenda item. She asked about the cost to repair the art. Ms. McLane estimated \$35,000 to \$40,000.

On a motion by Cm. Blackburn, seconded by Chair Szollos, and by a vote of 6-0-0 with Cm. Vonheeder-Leopold absent, the Commission took the following action:

ACTION

Tabled the item until the Commission can consider the art in the context of the origins of the art as has been requested by absent Cm. Vonheeder-Leopold.

8.5 Public Art Request for Qualifications Review Committee

Ms. Tegan McLane, Cultural Arts and Heritage Manager, provided the specifics of the item as outlined in the Staff Report.

On a motion by Cm. Bennett, seconded by Cm. Blackburn, and by a vote of 6-0-0 with Cm. Vonheeder-Leopold absent, the Commission took the following action:

ACTION

Appointed Chair Szollos as the alternate to serve on the Public Art Request for Qualifications Review Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

9.1 Brief Information-Only Reports

Brief INFORMATIONAL-ONLY reports from Commissioners and/or Staff, including Reports by Commission related to Meetings Attended at City Expense (AB 1234).

Commissioners reported on recent events attended.

Ms. McLane provided program, project, and event updates.

9.2 Discussion of Future Agenda Items

Ms. McLane provided an overview of upcoming agenda items for the Commission. By majority vote, the Commission voted to agendaize the Dog Park Public Art Deaccession item for the September meeting, and agendaize an item on the Dublin Art Collective for a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Minutes prepared by Rhonda Franklin, Recording Secretary.

Chairperson

ATTEST: _____
Tegan McLane
Cultural Arts and Heritage Manager