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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ARTS COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Thursday, August 24, 2023**  
**City Council Chambers**  
**8400 Laguna Palms Way**

**1) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The regular meeting of the Arts Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Cheryl Griess at 6:30 PM on August 24, 2023.

Present: Cheryl Griess, Sally Guttridge, Leslie Sandefur, and Liz Irons.

Also Present: Lana Yoshimura, Evelyn Nguyen, Carolyn & Brian Baptista, Ray Apodaca, Annie Peony, Markos Eguire, Shelly Willis, Christopher Jordan

Absent: Nan Mahon

**2) PUBLIC COMMENT:** Introductions were made around the room.

**3) GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

3.1 Minutes from the July 19, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Sally Guttridge moved to approve the minutes as presented. Liz Irons seconded the motion and minutes were approved as presented.

3.2 Lana Yoshimura provided an update on the Commission budget. The Commission budget is currently \$38,480.59 after paying for Commission name badges and Copa Club expenses. Upcoming expenses include the Copa Club show in September and the Iris Awards in May 2024.

3.3 The Commission reviewed the draft presentation to the City Council and approved it. The Commission will present the report on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at the City Council meeting.

**4) REGULAR AGENDA ACTIONS ITEMS/POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**4.1. SUBJECT: ARTners Presentation on the WX Mural Museum** – Markos Eguire, ARTners, gave a presentation on several potential projects to support the arts while generating economic return for the City. The projects include a Mural Gala; ArtGrove 3D interactive which would have murals as the backdrop for people to take selfies with; murals on buildings throughout Elk Grove, and the WX Mural museum which could highlight Elk Grove. The Commission thanked him for his ideas.

**4.2 SUBJECT: Public Art Projects**

4.2.1 Oasis Park – Oasis Park Preschool was opened on July 27, 2023. Nan Mahon and Liz Irons attended to represent the Commission. Mrs. Irons said she appreciated that Martin Webb, the artist, was included in the program.

4.2.2 Old Town Plaza – Stephen Fairfield has submitted the completed engineering drawings and is awaiting permit approval.

### **4.3. SUBJECT: Commission Projects**

4.3.1 Trail Signage project- No update.

4.3.2 Old Town Plaza Railroad Container Mural – Mrs. Irons reported the City's Government Affairs and Economic Development Divisions are working with Union Pacific on the project. She suggested to them the beautification feature Union Pacific logos throughout the years.

4.3.3 Bond/Elk Grove Florin Mural –Mrs. Irons and Sally Guttridge were part of the Review Panel along with a City staff person. The Panel met on August 14, 2023 and reviewed the two proposals which were submitted. The Panel declined to move forward with the projects due to the costs. Both proposals were over \$40,000 which is almost three years of the Commission's annual budget allocation.

4.3.4 Free Little Art Galleries – Mrs. Irons introduced Carolyn and Brian Baptista who have a free little art gallery at their house. Similar to the free little library concept, people place art in the receptacle and take it as a free exchange. This is a national program which Mr. and Mrs. Baptista participate in. The Art Commission applauded their promotion of art in the community. Ms. Guttridge made a motion submit a free little art gallery article into an upcoming City's newsletter. Mrs. Irons seconded the motion and it was approved. Mrs. Baptista will create the article and send it to Ms. Yoshimura for review.

4.3.5 Plinth for Music Sculpture – Bennett Galleries submitted a costs proposal of \$4,400 to create the plinth for the music sculpture. Ms. Guttridge is going to look into obtaining a second quote.

### **4.4. SUBJECT: Events**

4.4.1 Copa Club Event - Commission reviewed event details. Mrs. Guttridge is working on a nonprofit to serve wine at the performance. Mrs. Mahon is coordinating the program and artists. Tickets are available through EventBrite for \$10.

4.4.2 Civic Light Opera Performance – Ms. Sandefur is working with the Civic Light Opera to have them perform at the Illumination Event on December 2<sup>nd</sup> at District56. The Commission approved \$300 to pay the singers \$100/each for their performances. Ms. Sandefur will reach out to the City's Events team that coordinates the Illumination event to discuss logistics.

4.4.3 Sacramento Ballet Outreach Performance – Ms. Guttridge reached out to the Sacramento Ballet to perform in Elk Grove. The cost for their company to perform along with the equipment set-up would be \$7,000 for a 45-minute performance. The Center at District56 does not have a stage suitable for the



ballet. Ms. Yoshimura will inquire with Sheldon HS on the availability of their performing arts center and report back to the Commission.

**4.5 SUBJECT: Public Art Program for the Elk Grove Zoo** – Christopher Jordan, Strategic Planning and Innovation Director, and Shelly Willis, Art Management Consultant, provided an overview of the Elk Grove Zoo. There will be numerous opportunities for public art at the space and they want to begin development of the zoo art plan. Ms. Willis will be working with the Commission in the coming months to develop the plan which will be incorporated into the overall zoo planning process.

**5) COMMISSION COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

- None

**6) ADJOURNMENT**

Mrs. Griess adjourned the meeting at 8:33PM. The next Commission meeting will be held Thursday, September 21<sup>st</sup> the at the Center at District56.



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