

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ARTS COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Thursday, March 23, 2023**  
**City of Elk Grove 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 Chair Nan Mahon at 6:36 PM on March 23, 2023.

Present: Nan Mahon, Cheryl Griess, Liz Irons and Leslie Sandefur.

Absent: Sally Guttridge

Also Present: Lana Yoshimura, Gary Mendoza, Teresa Gutierrez

**2) PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Teresa Gutierrez (Artners) invited the Commissions to their Dia de Las Madres event on May 12<sup>th</sup> at 5PM at the Elk Grove Park Pavilion.

Gary Mendoza thanked the Commission for sponsoring the Blues Revue. He enjoyed performing at the event.

**3) GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

3.1 Minutes from the February 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting were not ready for review and will be added to the next meeting agenda.

3.2 Lana Yoshimura provided an update on the Commission budget. The Blues Revue expended \$9,667.68 in total. The Commission balance is currently \$28,106.71.

3.3 The Commission reviewed the arts related grants submitted as part of the City Events grants process. Nan Mahon recused herself for the "Jazz and Blues Hour" application and Cheryl Griess recused herself from the two Elk Grove Fine Arts Center applications. The Commissioners submitted recommendations on grant funding which will be forwarded to the City Council for approval.

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

**4.1. SUBJECT Public Art Projects**

4.1.1 Oasis Park – No update

4.1.2 Old Town Plaza - No update

**4.2. SUBJECT: Commission Projects**

4.2.1 Trail Signage project- No update.

4.2.2 Old Town Plaza Railroad Container Mural – Mrs. Irons spoke with Congresswoman Matsui’s office about the project. They will work on getting a railroad connection for her to speak with.

4.2.3 Upright Piano Project Discussion- The Commission decided not to pursue this project at this time.

4.2.4 Bond/Elk Grove Florin Mural – The mural scope of work is currently in the review process for insurance prior to being submitted to Purchasing and the City Attorney’s Office.

4.2.5 Formation of Friends of Art Commission Discussion – The Commission discussed possible formation of a Friends of the Art Commission group. The group would be an independent non-profit organization which would recruit volunteers and apply for grants if desired. After some discussion on what it entails to start and operate a non-profit, the Commission decided to forego this idea. They will work on getting volunteers from those interested in the arts who they have encountered at meetings and events as a first step.

#### **4.3. SUBJECT: Events**

4.3.1 Blues Revue Event Review – The Commission reviewed the Blues Revue which occurred on March 12<sup>th</sup>. They were pleased it was a capacity crowd that braved the weather for the show. Music was great, show was informative and fun. The Commission voted to provide \$50 gift cards to Pat Altenburg, Kirsti Cripe Rauser, and Chanty Barnhardt for their hard work. Liz Irons moved the motion, Leslie Sandefur seconded it and the motion carried unanimously.

4.3.2 Cabaret Event- Fri, June 2, 2023- Commission asked to move the date to a Sunday in August or September. Lana Yoshimura will look at available dates at the Center at District56 and report back.

4.3.3 Civic Light Opera Performance – Suggestion was made to incorporate the performance into the City’s Illumination Festival to have singers perform holiday classics as part of the event.


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

None

#### **6) ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Mahon adjourned at 8:05 pm. The next Commission meeting will be held Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the City Council Chambers.

  
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NAN MAHON, CHAIRPERSON  
ELK GROVE ARTS COMMISSION

  
PREPARED BY:  
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COMMUNITY EVENT CENTER MANAGER