

**MINUTES OF THE ARTS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
Thursday, January 25, 2024  
Swainson Hawk Conference Room  
Council Chambers  
8400 Laguna Palms Way**

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

The special meeting of the Art Commission was called to order by Chair Nan Mahon at 6:30PM on January 25, 2024.

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

Also Present: Lana Yoshimura, Markos Egure, and Ray Apodaca.

**2) PUBLIC COMMENT:** Markos Egure announced ARTners is hosting an event on April 14<sup>th</sup> from 10AM-3PM at District56. The Dia de los Concha celebrates the Mexican sweet roll which is shell shaped. The event is open to the public.

**3) GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

3.1 Minutes from the November 30, 2023 meeting were reviewed. Sally Guttridge moved to approve the minutes as presented. Cheryl Griess 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 \$37,362.37 after releasing the facility budget for the Iris Awards.

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

4.1 SUBJECT: Public Art Program for Elk Grove Zoo – Ms. Yoshimura reported the Zoo project recently released its Environmental Impact Report for review and comment.

4.2 SUBJECT: Public Art Plan for New Elk Grove Library – City Staff is discussing the relocation of the stained-glass piece with the Arther Stern Studio. Staff is working with the City's Purchasing Division on contracts with the Studio as a best interest to have the original artist who installed the work to move it. The second public art piece will be a sculpture in front of the building. The Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for this work is currently being drafted by the City's Art Management Consultant for a Nationwide search. Mrs. Mahon encouraged the Commission to research art at other libraries and take note of the artists to send the RFQ to.

#### 4.3 SUBJECT: Public Art Projects

4.3.1 Old Town Plaza Sculpture – Ms. Yoshimura reported building permits have been issued and the artist is working on material acquisition to begin the fabrication process.

#### 4.4 SUBJECT: Commission Projects

4.4.1 Trail Signage Proposal Update - No update at this time.

4.4.2 Plinth for Music Sculpture – Ms. Yoshimura is working to obtain quotes as this is a Public Works project.

4.4.3 Repair of Utility Box Wrap at Lotz/Big Horn – Ms. Yoshimura is waiting for a quote back from The Sign Center. They have been unresponsive but staff will continue to try.

4.4.4 School of Rock Festival Sponsorship Request – The City received a request from the School of Rock to sponsor their showcase on June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at Old Town Plaza. The Commission discussed that the School of Rock is a for profit entity, locating affordable venues to play is difficult, and music education for youth should be supported. Ms. Gutridge moved to offer sponsorship of the venue, but the School of Rock would need to pay for staffing to open/close the facility which is \$210/day, place their logo and City logo on all marketing materials, hang the Commission banner at the event, and comply with City's contract requirements for insurance. Ms. Irons seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

4.4.5 "Welcome Mural" Request – The City received a request from a resident to create a "Welcome Mural". The murals are often seen in downtown areas that people take selfies in front of that say "Welcome to name of city". Suggested locations were the restroom building at Old Town Plaza facing Elk Grove Boulevard or District56 as these are community gathering spaces. Markos Egure offered to create a mock up of what it could look like. The Commission decided to postpone any decision until the next meeting when Mr. Egure will present a potential draft.

#### 4.5 SUBJECT: Events

4.5.1 Blues Festival 2024 – The Blues Festival, "Blues in the Grove", is to take place on Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024 from 11AM-7PM at District56. Mrs. Mahon has started to contact bands and has secured Mick Martin and his band, Bob Jones & the Chosen Few, Zydeco Flames, Annie Sampson, and Pappa Day. The Commission envisions the Festival to take place inside the Main Hall and also on the Avenue of the Arts. They will work with the Lions Club to host a bar for alcohol service. Tickets will

be \$15 and include the service fee. The Commission requested that graphics be made to market the event which feature the silhouette of a person leaning against a building or streetlight wearing a hat and glasses. They like the imagery of a guitar with a blue color scheme, no red or black backgrounds as it's too dark.

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

- Leslie Sandefur has an upcoming performance. The Commissioners asked for more information so they can support her.
- The Mayor's Volunteer Awards has been renamed to "Stars of Service" and nominations are now being accepted until February 29<sup>th</sup>.

**REMINDERS:**

- Next Commission meeting is on Thursday, February 22, 2024.

**6) ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08PM by Chair Mahon.

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NAN MAHON, CHAIR  
ELK GROVE ARTS COMMISSION

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