

**MINUTES OF THE ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, May 23, 2024
Council Chambers
8400 Laguna Palms Way**

1) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Art Commission was called to order by Chair Nan Mahon at 6:35PM on May 23, 2024.

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

Absent: Leslie Sandefur

Also Present: Lana Yoshimura, Tom Campbell (Village Stage Productions)

2) PUBLIC COMMENT: Tom Campbell introduced himself and provided an overview of Village Stage Productions, a local theatre company active since 2018. They are working on their 12th show which premieres in August. They are interested in the City's help to market their productions.

3) GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

3.1 Minutes from the April 25, 2024 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 reported \$284.91 was spent on an Art Commission table cover to use at events and \$161.49 was spent printing 500 postcards for Blues in the Grove. With those expenditures, the Commission budget is currently \$22,346.85.

4) REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS/POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 SUBJECT: State Legislation Assembly Bill (AB) 2808 and Assembly Bill (AB) 185 – Mrs. Mahon reported AB 185 (2022) provided visual and performing arts funding for schools. However, this money is being used for other purposes at the Elk Grove Unified School District. The Commission supported writing a letter to the School Board and Superintendent to voice their support for arts programs in the schools. Mrs. Mahon will draft the letter for review.

AB 2808 Mrs. Mahon is still researching the legislation and will report back once she has completed her review.

4.2 SUBJECT: Public Art Projects:

4.2.1 Old Town Plaza sculpture is currently in fabrication by Stephen Fairfield.

4.2.2 Elk Grove Zoo Plan was approved by the City Council on May 8, 2024. The Commission voiced concerns on the budget and placement of the pieces in the adopted Zoo Art Plan. Ms. Yoshimura reminded them the locations and budget were created based on input from them. The draft plan was reviewed in November 2023 and the final art plan was approved by the Commission on February 22, 2024. The Zoo Art Plan was incorporated into the overall Zoo Plan which was approved by the City Council earlier this month. Ms. Yoshimura was asked to send the final Zoo Art Plan to the Commissioners for their records.

4.2.3 Elk Grove Library – The Review Panel is meeting on May 31st to select the finalists. Mrs. Mahon is unable to make the meeting due to a scheduling conflict. Ms. Guttridge will take her place on the panel.

4.3 SUBJECT: Commission Projects

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

4.3.2 Plinth for Music Sculpture – Ms. Guttridge provided the name of a concrete vendor to provide a quote. Ms. Yoshimura will contact to obtain estimates for the plinth.

4.3.3 Celtic/Renaissance Festival – The Commission is interested in learning more information about this possible event. Mrs. Mahon will contact the organizers to inquire about their needs to host a Festival in Elk Grove.

4.3.4 City Public Art Website – This item was tabled until the next meeting.

4.4 SUBJECT: Events

4.4.1 Blues in the Grove July 21, 2024 – Ms. Yoshimura reported 83 tickets have been sold thus far.

Mrs. Mahon is working with the Sacramento Blues Society on volunteers and marketing. She is also working with the artists to coordinate their performances. Cheryl Griess offered to work on a food truck for the event.

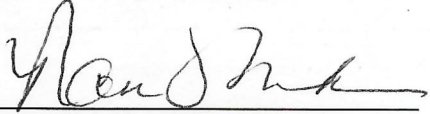
5) COMMISSION COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

REMINDERS:

- Booth at City Council Sundae Funday at Old Town Plaza 11AM-2PM Sun, June 9th.
- Next Meeting: June 27, 2024

6) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17PM by Chair Mahon.



NAN MAHON, CHAIR
ELK GROVE ARTS COMMISSION



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