



Stephen Seymour, District 1
Mahdad Nassiri, District 1
Vacant (1 seat), District 2
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Belinda Hernandez Arriaga, Dist. 3
Josephine Deciron, District 3
Jeanne Heise, District 4
Farah Yasmeen Shaikh, District 4
Victoria Magbilang, District. 5
Reno Anoa'i, District 5

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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ARTS COMMISSION
Thursday, June 22, 2023 — 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM
455 County Center, 4th Floor, Room 405, Redwood City CA 94063

MINUTES

1. **Roll Call** Chair Hernandez Arriaga called the meeting to order at 3:03 with roll call.
In Attendance: Commissioners, Magbilang, Nassiri, Deciron and, Seymour
Commissioners Elect: Aileen Cassinetto and Deepa Nair
Absent: Commissioners, Anoa'i, Heise, and Shaikh
Staff: Robin Rodricks, Mara Grimes, Brian Kulich

2. **Agenda Amendments**
None

3. **Oral Communications**
None

4. **Discussion Item**
 - A. **Onboarding and Review new Arts Commissioners**
The Director welcomed the Commissioners and gave a history of Arts Commission and Office of Arts and Culture. She provided a background content regarding the arts ecosystem and funding for local, state and national arts.
She advised them that their role as a Commissioner was as follows:
 - Advisors to the Board of Supervisors on all matters of arts and culture
 - Update and implement the initiatives and goals of the strategic plan
 - Outreach/communications to their district and networks about OAC/AC events, initiatives, and opportunities
 - Advocate for the importance of arts and culture
 - Attend events representing the Commission and report back at meetingsShe asked the Commissioners to share their areas of interest and how they fit with the mission stated in the Strategic Arts/Culture Plan.
Commissioner Elect Nair: She is a filmmaker and teaches at Chabot College. She is interested in film making, especially films focused about and by youth. She would be interested in working on a film festival for the County and wondered if there was a way to incorporate it into our Countywide Celebration in September.
Commissioner Elect Cassinetto: She has been working with the Director for the launch of a new pilot program, Youth Cultural Ambassadors. She got the idea from the Youth Climate Ambassadors

Program. Each Ambassador will be required to create a cultural/civic project and the OAC will provide funds of \$500 to support each project.

Commissioner Seymour: He stated that he was interested in a broader view of advocacy and building partnerships within the County. He and the late artist Ruth Waters founded the Peninsula Arts Foundation, a collective of artists and show space in Tanforan Mall in San Bruno. It provides space for art shows and art classes and could provide space for a film festival if needed. He went on to state that we need support from other agencies and that's where he spends much of his time.

Commissioner Nassiri: He noted that he is not partial to any art mediums. He stated that we need to be inclusive, and the arts should not have the feeling of exclusivity. He went on to state that high arts, street arts, traditional/folk arts all have equal value and should be represented.

Commissioner Deciron: She is interested in making connections and finding ways to partner with others. She wants to find ways to connect the dots and is specially interested in finding better ways for youth to be able to perform as there seems to be issues with finding affordable venues for performances. She is very curious about art in public places.

B. Legal Information and Requirements

Attorney Brian Kulich provided the Commissioners with a presentation on the Brown Act and the California Form 700 and how it pertains to them as Commissioners.

5. Adjournment (5:00)

Chair

NEXT MEETING: JULY 19, 2023, 3:00-5:00pm