



## MINUTES

### ARTS COMMISSION Via Zoom Webinar

SEPTEMBER 24, 2020  
6:00 P.M.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Chair Riley called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present: Nicole Riley, Chair  
Jose Aguinaga, Commissioner  
Derrell Barber, Commissioner  
Chris Kennedy, Commissioner  
Lorraine Zomok, Commissioner

Absent: Joni Dinges, Commissioner  
Helen Fokszanskyj-Conti, Commissioner

Also Present: Mojgan Vahabzadeh, Arts & Culture Program Manager

**3. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no comments.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**a. Arts Commission Minutes of August 27, 2020**

Motioned by Commissioner Derrell Barber, seconded by Chair Nicole Riley

AYE: Chair Nicole Riley  
Commissioner Jose Aguinaga  
Commissioner Derrell Barber  
Commissioner Chris Kennedy  
Commissioner Lorraine Zomok

Passed

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. INFORMATION: Commission Introductions**

Ms. Vahabzadeh announced that the Commission is now fully seated with the appointment of new Commissioners Aguiñaga and Zomok. All present introduced themselves and shared a brief background.

**b. INFORMATION: West Valley Arts**

Sandra Bassett, President and CEO of West Valley Arts, gave a presentation on the latest initiatives and programs of the non-profit organization, which included information on the following:

- Arts Programming
  - Art Gallery and Rental Space
  - Arts Education Partnership
  - Lunchtime Theater
  - Goodyear Lakeside Music Festival Participation
  - Arts Advantage
  - Creative Aging Program
  - Vision & Sound
  - Gallery 37
- Awards Received
  - Various awards listed
- Staff members and roles

Ms. Bassett thanked the Commission for listening to the presentation and keeping the West Valley Arts Council in consideration for future project partnership opportunities. Ms. Vahabzadeh noted that Glendale has been an active partner with West Valley Arts. Ms. Vahabzadeh relayed that Glendale participates with the Vision & Sound annual event with artist talks at the Main Library. Glendale also completed a Gallery 37 public art project at the Elsie McCarthy Sensory Garden.

**c. INFORMATION: Rising Youth Theatre**

Rising Youth Theatre artists, Thameenah Muhammad presented information about the theatre's unique collaborative artmaking process. Ms. Muhammad talked about the following:

- Mission, What We Do, Core Values
- Partnerships in Glendale
- This Year's Project: A story-telling/film experience project

Ms. Vahabzadeh and the Commissioners thanked Ms. Muhammad for the presentation.

**6. STAFF UPDATES**

Ms. Vahabzadeh's commented included the following:

- Appreciation to the Commissioners for their patience with attending the meeting virtually
- The Call to Artists for the "We Are One" Glendale grant will go out in October
- In October, the Commission will vote to recommend members for Chair and Vice Chair for 2021

**7. COMMISSION COMMENTS**

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Glendale Arts Commission will be held in person or via Zoom on Thursday, October 22, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Motioned by Commissioner Lorraine Zomok, seconded by Commissioner Derrell Barber

AYE: Chair Nicole Riley

Commissioner Jose Aguinaga

Commissioner Derrell Barber

Commissioner Chris Kennedy

Commissioner Lorraine Zomok

Passed

The Arts Commission meeting minutes of September 24, 2020 were submitted and approved this 22nd day of October, 2020.

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Mojgan Vahabzadeh  
Arts and Culture Program Manager