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MINUTES
ARTS COMMISSION
ZOOM MEETING
January 25, 2024
6:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The virtual meeting was called to order by Chair Lenox at 6:02 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Nancy Lenox, Chair
José Aguiñaga, Commissioner
Derrell Barber, Commissioner
Anne Marie Chaney, Commissioner (arrived after roll call)
Paige Hyde, Commissioner

Absent: James Smith, Vice Chair

Also Present: Daniel Sabillon, Deputy Director, Economic Development
Jessi Pederson, Director, Economic Development
John Kennedy, Director, Parks and Recreation
Linda Flynn, Cultural Planning Group
David Plettner-Saunders, Cultural Planning Group

3. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were received.

4. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

a. **Action: Arts Commission Minutes of November 30, 2023**

Motion: To approve the Arts Commission minutes of November 30, 2023 as written.

Motioned by Commissioner Derrell Barber, second by Commissioner José Aguiñaga

AYE: Chair Nancy Lenox
Commissioner José Aguiñaga
Commissioner Derrell Barber
Commissioner Paige Hyde

Other: Vice Chair James Smith (ABSENT)
Commissioner Anne Marie Chaney (ABSENT)

Passed

5. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. **Information: Update on Arts Master Plan**

Ms. Flynn and Mr. Plettner-Saunders, the consultants on the Arts Master Plan, gave an update presentation, which included information on the following:

Arts and Culture Plan

- Planning Process Update / What We Have Accomplished
- Strengths
- Gaps
- Opportunities
- Community Vision / Community Arts Survey
 - Excerpts from Survey Results Report were shared
- Common Themes

- Next Steps

Commissioner Barber said the results of the survey were very interesting. She commented on the increase in loneliness in the community and said there used to be dedicated spaces for people to meet up to express themselves. She asked if the City had a gallery space to display art on a revolving basis. Mr. Sabillon said there was in Influx art display at City Hall and in the past, there was a gallery space for the City at Westgate. Commissioner Barber asked why the Westgate space did not work. Mr. Sabillon was not sure as he was not in the department at the time, but said that the Commission had the power to request funding for something similar again. Commissioner Barber said she would like to see a dedicated space for local artists to exhibit their work and for people to convene with each other.

Mr. Plettner-Saunders commented that it might not be loneliness, but rather, people's desires for a connection.

Commissioner Hyde said she attended a few holiday events at the library and at one of the events, Mr. Sabillon handed out the survey. Commissioner Hyde said she heard people talking about the desire for the Jazz Festival and other downtown festivals. She asked how the City could leverage the use of places it already had, that were not at Westgate. She said there was a feeling of neglect for the older section of the City and there was a desire to bring arts and culture to the old neighborhoods.

Commissioner Hyde asked about the goal for the number of responses and said 477 seemed low for the City's population. Ms. Flynn said the goal was 500 and complimented Mr. Sabillon's hard work. Ms. Flynn said the respondents were diverse demographically with all ages. Ms. Flynn noted that the survey was not statistically valid because there was not enough time for that, however, felt that a very diverse response was captured.

The agenda item was concluded.

b. Information: Update on Current Projects

Mr. Sabillon gave an update on the Arts Master Plan, which included the following:

- Thunderbird Field Art Project: The project is slated to be completed by mid-February. The artist is Kristine Kollasch.

c. Action: Meeting Change

Commission members discussed options for meeting in person and changing meeting dates.

The Commissioners agreed by consensus to meet on the third Tuesday of the month at the Civic Center plaza, at 6:00 p.m. The specific room will be determined.

[Commissioner Chaney joined the meeting online at 6:46 p.m.)

Mr. Sabillon informed Commissioner Chaney of the consensus. Commissioner Chaney did not voice opposition.

Commissioner Chaney asked if there would no longer be a Zoom option. Mr. Sabillon said all other Boards and Commissions were meeting in person and which gave the public a better opportunity to be a part of the meeting.

d. Action: Downtown Campus Reinvestment Project Update

Ms. Pederson gave a presentation on the Downtown Campus Reinvestment Project (DCRP), which included design concepts and update to date status.

Chair Lenox asked if there would be more seating in the amphitheater. Ms. Pederson said there was not a capacity number yet as the design components were still being worked through. She said the goal was to seat people more comfortably and the level grade would assist with the goal.

Chair Lenox asked if there would be restroom facilities in the amphitheater. Ms. Pederson said that there had been conversations as to the best way to bring restrooms into the design and where they would be located.

Ms. Pederson encouraged all to follow additional updates on the DCRP website.

Commissioner Chaney asked if any of the downtown businesses would be affected by the construction. Ms. Pederson explained how Okland Construction was handling the construction and mitigating impacts to the surrounding business and parking.

6. **STAFF REPORTS**

Mr. Sabillon reported on the following:

- The Live@Murphy Park on January 20th had a pottery wheel demonstration, people were able to participate in the clay making, and it was a very successful event. He said the next Live@Murphy Park will have a Reggae theme and there will be taco food truck wars. He thanked the Commission for its support of the program.
- The Downtown Glendale Arts & Culture Fest will be held at the Glendale Civic Center Plaza on March 9th from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and more information will be distributed soon.
- The Folk & Heritage Festival will be held on March 2nd and 3rd with the Plein Air Competition. More information will be sent to the Commission.
- An active search is being conducted for a new Arts & Culture Administrator. Hopefully, a new Administrator will be introduced to the Commission at the next meeting.

7. **COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Chaney commented on her outreach to a contact who is involved with farmer's markets. She said her contact was not interested in a farmer's market in downtown Glendale at this time because she was unsure if it could sustain one. Commissioner Chaney will reach out to her contact again with the information on the Downtown Reinvestment project.

Commissioner Barber asked if the City had facilities to host a food or culinary arts event. Ms. Pederson said staff was starting to work with contacts who may want to develop this type of event and noted it was part of an ongoing conversation in the west valley.

Commissioner Chaney thanked Mr. Sabillon for being instrumental in bringing the Cornish Pasty Company to downtown Glendale.

8. **NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Glendale Arts Commission will be on Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., at the Glendale Civic Center, with the specific room to be determined.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: To adjourn the Arts Commission meeting of January 25, 2024 at 7:25 p.m.

Motioned by Commissioner Derrell Barber, second by Commissioner Paige Hyde

AYE: Chair Nancy Lenox
Commissioner José Aguiñaga
Commissioner Derrell Barber
Commissioner Anne Marie Chaney

Commissioner Paige Hyde
Other: Vice Chair James Smith (ABSENT)

The Arts Commission meeting minutes of January 25, 2024 were submitted and approved this ____ day of _____, 2024.

Daniel Sabillon
Deputy Director, Economic Development