

**CITY OF REDLANDS
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting of September 12, 2022**

MINUTES

Present: Margo Mullen, Chair
Daniel Rodriguez
Kelly McGrail
Dennis Christensen
Jina Imani

Absent: Danielle Giudici Wallis (excused)
Daniel Gohman, Vice Chair (excused)

Council Liaison:

RUSD Liaison: Jim

Staff: Tricia Swope, Larry Alms

1. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE: Chair Mullen called the meeting to order at 4:03p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comment

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 11, 2022 meeting were approved on a motion by Chair Mullen seconded by commissioner Christensen and carried.

4. STATUS REPORTS

A. *City Council Liaison Report* – none forthcoming

B. *Staff Liaison report* –

1. Tricia Swope reported that we need to make the decision today about what art pieces will go on which pads. The agreements will go to council on 10/18. The report and agreements are all ready to go – we just need to decide on the location and then the city attorney can sign off.

2. The approved FY budget for the art projects included \$27,000 for Art on Loan or any other projects like the Orange Blossom Trail. Due to a clerical error, our \$100,000 request for an arts and culture master plan was taken out of the request purely by accident. So this will go to city council on the 10/18 to fund it. We don't foresee any issues with this. We will have funding for that so we can go out for an RFP from consultants to complete that and then will come back to the CAC for a review.

3. Some commissioners have asked for the city's code of conduct for commissions. There isn't anything official, but the one thing that has been adopted by City Council is the city's core values. Tricia provided these as well as the June 2021 city council meeting where they brought forward a resolution for City Council Code of Conduct Policy. It's not under the purview of the commission to adopt something like this – but

we can talk to our liaison if we have changes want to take it back to city council for consideration. It's not something the CAC would generally make a recommendation on.

4. Sheets Mural on the Old Bank Building is going to the planning commission tomorrow at 4pm for review of the whole project. Feel free to provide comments for public comment on that project.

5. Chair Mullen asked about new commissioner packets and where we stand with those. Tricia reported that we are about 75% there just waited on updated art pad placements and will provide it at the very latest at the next meeting.

C. *RUSD Liaison* – Jim reported that school has started and finished back to school nights this past Wednesday. Reports from school sites, teachers, and management say it feels much more normal this year than it did last year. Students are excited about being back at school. Enrollment has stayed the same. The stadium at Redlands East Valley HS is really starting to take shape. It will include a state-of-the-art football stadium that should be completed by December. Will be built in phases. Phases 1 & 2 are the field and stands should be done this year and phase 3 is the locker rooms and completion is TBD.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion and Possible action related placement of the art on load pieces (Attachment B)

A. The commissioners reviewed an overall city map where all the pads are. Dennis noted that there are two sites missing (one by Stater Brothers on Brookside and the one at the Sports Park). First art piece is John and Nicholas Meyer, commission agreed to place that on the Sylvan Park Pad. Commissioner Christensen made the motion and motion carried.

The second art pieces is Chad La Fever metal sculpture, commission agreed to place that on the Texonia pad. Chair Mullen made the motion, Commissioner Rodriguez seconded, and motion carried.

The third art piece is Benjamin Allanoff, commission agreed to place that on the Sports Park. Chair Mullen made the motion Commissioner Rodriguez seconded and motion carried.

The fourth piece is a stone sculpture by Rue Calderon, commission agreed to place that on the Ford St. median. Chair Mullen made the motion and motion carried.

There was a discussion about who will maintain the pads and landscaping around them. The city will be maintaining these.

B. Discussion and possible action related to the election of a new secretary

A. Commissioner McGrail volunteered to be the secretary. A motion was brought forward by Chair Mullen and seconded by Commissioner Christensen and carried.

7. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion and possible action regarding review and revisions to Commissioners' tasks list

a. Commissioner McGrail updated the commission on the art inventory task. She mentioned that she has a spreadsheet of 62 pieces of artwork around the city (including murals) and is looking for help adding to this list. Kelly will send this list to Tricia and Tricia will send it out to the commissioners to contribute. The goal is for the city IT team to eventually publish an online map of all the art and their

locations in Redlands. It was discussed that the commission would maintain this list.

- b. Commissioner Rodriguez expressed interest in being part of the murals project.
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding review and updates to Commissioners' subcommittee list
 - a. Tricia mentioned that once the funding for the art and culture master plan is approved, the subcommittee will send out the RFP to consultants then the three members and two staff people will be on the review committee to rate the consultants.
 - b. Chair Mullen noted that subcommittees can have up to three people.
 - c. Commissioner Imani would like to be added to the Public Art Exhibition subcommittee.
 - d. Commissioner Christensen asked if the OmniTrans bench project was brought through the commission for approval. Chair Mullen let him know the timing was off. Commissioner McGrail would like to get these into the art inventory spreadsheet.
 - e. Commissioner Rodriguez volunteered to be part of the finance committee.
- C. Individual Commissioner reports
 - a. Commissioner Christensen spoke about his trip up to Eureka this summer and how impressed he was with the public art and murals in that town and they have mural tours. He also encouraged all the commissioners to go check out the Cheech Museum in Riverside. He also suggested that someone from the CAC sit on the board of the Museum of Redlands. Tricia will look more into this. He also brought up how serious the Art and Culture Master Plan is to us and why it's so important for us to have a 1% fee of development projects come back to fund public art in Redlands. It's so important to get this plan right so we don't miss out on any more of this funding.
 - b. Chair Mullen brought up how much money we're spending on Art on Loan. It's great but feels like we're wasting funds since the art goes away after 2 years. How can we use this money to fund art that will be permanent. How necessary is this project, should it be redefined? Tricia mentioned that the city has moved to a 2-year budget process. Over course of 2 years, we will have \$60K to spend. Commissioner Christensen reminded everyone that we used to not have any funding, so art-on-loan was the best way for us to acquire some art. Now that we have a budget, we can move toward securing permanent pieces. She also mentioned all the positive feedback she's been hearing about the bus benches.
 - c. Commissioner Rodriguez is interested in proposing a mural of Curtis Allen Sr. (the music man of Redlands).

8. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Future Acquisitions

Proposed Mural from Commissioner Rodriguez

9. Adjournment to next regular meeting: November 14, 2022, 4:00 PM, Council Chambers.

The commission adjourned the meeting at 5:23pm