

Minutes of the Cultural Arts Commission of the City of Redlands held on March 14, 2016, at 4 p.m. in the City Council Conference Room, 35 Cajon St., Redlands, CA 92373

PRESENT Danielle Trynoski, Chair
Jan Korfmacher, Commissioner
James Stewart, Commissioner
Dennis Christensen, Commissioner
Brenda Spoelstra, Commissioner
David Lawrence, Commissioner
Donna West, School District Liaison
Carl Baker, Staff Liaison

ABSENT Baljit Toor, Vice Chair
Paul Barich, City Council Liaison

I CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order by Chair Danielle Trynoski at 4 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Approved as amended

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – Larry Harville, chairman of the Redlands Art Association, introduced himself to the commission and described his organization; Allan Griesemer discussed a proposal to form an alliance among the city’s various arts organizations to help make the arts self-sustaining; Andy Hoder wished to correct the record after comments he made at a prior City Council meeting disparaging the commission’s activities.

IV. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT – None

V. RUSD LIAISON REPORT – Donna West discussed the school district’s district wide art contest for elementary school students, judged by the Redlands Art Association. Greeting cards were produced from the winning art work which are available for sale. Redlands High School hosted the Southern California School Band Festival, at which all RUSD high schools and middle schools performed. Redlands East Valley High School put on performances of “Grease.” Clement Middle School’s choir performed at a choir festival. Clement also staged a production of “Annie.” Kimberly Elementary School hosted a spring band concert. Redlands East Valley High School’s band performed at Clement Middle School. Cope Middle School staged “The Three Musketeers.” Citrus Valley High School will stage “Hairspray.” The Redlands East Valley Singers women’s ensemble will tour New York City and sing at Carnegie Hall. Redlands High School’s Mock Trial team is going to the state finals. Citrus Valley High School’s Advanced Women’s Choir will perform in competition in Anaheim.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Annual Report – Commission Chair Trynoski provided a preview of the commission report which was presented to the City Council the following day.

IV – OLD BUSINESS

- A. MAYOR'S PUBLIC ART INITIATIVE - The commission discussed potential locations for the Mayor's Public Art Initiative, favoring Ed Hales Park. The raised flower bed outside City Hall was suggested as a second recommended location. By a unanimous vote, the commission selected Ed Hales Park for recommendation to the City Council.

Chair Trynoski provided a matrix to assist the commission in narrowing the list of artists for a second presentation to the commission. Commissioners each chose their top three candidates. Artists who were not eliminated in the first round of discussion went to a second round of voting. The artists chosen for the next round of presentations were Dan and Diana Romero, Guy Wilson and David Svenson. Steve Appleton was chosen as an alternate if one of the top three were unable to continue.

- B. REVIEW AND POSSIBLE REORGANIZATION OF SUBCOMMITTEES - The commission discussed reorganizing the existing subcommittees or suspending the Art in Public Places Subcommittee until after completion of the Mayor's Public Art Initiative. No action was taken.
- C. FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS – Following discussion the commission voted unanimously to endorse the Festival of the Arts and to participate with a booth.
- D. DOWNTOWN ART WALK – The commission discussed participating in the April 24 Downtown Art Walk. No action was taken.

V. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS

Commissioner Dennis Christensen discussed the update of the City's General Plan and the incorporation of arts and culture within the Distinctive City element of the plan.

Commissioner Stewart met with representatives from the Historic Glass Museum along with Commissioner Christensen to discuss the Redlands Alliance for Culture and the Arts. Commission Chair Trynoski took a tour with the CEO of the YMCA to discuss plans to showcase artists and offer art programs and a youth art show at the facility. She also met with Smiley Library Director Don McCue for a tour of the Contemporary Club building and review of possible presentation and performance space.

VI – ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Trynoski adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.