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ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES May 6, 2024, 4:30 p.m. – 979 17th Ave., Santa Cruz

I. Called to order at 4:53 p.m. Present: Stabile, DeWorken, Kroslowitz, Singer, Rogers, Phillips
Absent/Excused: Niven, Miranda Absent/Unexcused: Leclerc Vacant seats:1
Staff: Sarah Shea, Kathy DeWild

II. Approved Agenda - Motion/Second: Stabile/Phillips
AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3

III. Oral Communications – None

VI. Approved Consent Agenda - Motion/Second: Stabile/Singer
AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3

V. Director & Staff reports

The budget for the upcoming fiscal year is status quo, and available for review on the County website soon.

The Department is fortunate to have hired a new Administrative Services Manager, Juan Perez Alvarez. The Poetry & Music in the Park event at Mesa Village Park on 4/28 was a great success. If approved today, Bruce Harman's contract and proposal for the Recovery Center public art project will go to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration on June 25. The Letters, a sculpture by artists David and Soo Choi, will be installed at the Live Oak Library Annex on June 3. The 2024 Artist of the Year "Profile Performance" will be held at the Kuumbwa Jazz Center on June 22, 7-9PM.

VI. Regular Agenda

A. Action Items

1. Approved Bruce Harman's proposal for the Recovery Center public art project, and recommend the Board of Supervisors approve his contract.

Motion/Second: Phillips/Stabile

AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3

2. Selected three recipients for the Spotlight Award: Vivien Bassouamina, Brenda Leach, and Angelica Glass.

Motion/Second: Stabile/DeWorken

AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3

3. Selected Artist of the Year 2025 – Janet Johns.

Motion/Second: Singer/Stabile

AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3

4. Appoint Chair and Vice-chair of the Arts Commission, for a term starting July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2025: Niven, Chair; DeWorken: Vice-chair.

Motion/Second: Phillips/Rogers

AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3

5. Appoint one Commissioner to serve on the Floral Park public art panel (replace Leahy): Rogers

Motion/Second: Stabile/DeWorken

AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3

6. Appoint one Commissioner to serve on the Juvenile Hall public art panel (replace Leahy): DeWorken

Motion/Second: Stabile/Kroslowitz

AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3

7. Appoint one Commissioner to serve on the Youth in Arts subcommittee: DeWorken

Motion/Second: Rogers/Stabile

AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3

B. Information/Discussion Items

1. The Public Art Program subcommittee presented their progress and findings to date, along with some updates to the language for sections 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, and 6.0.
2. The Youth in Arts subcommittee has met with and surveyed teens from Mariposa Arts about their involvement and interest in the arts, finding that they are strongly attached to their community, and including their families when invited to attend art events is essential. They also met with Arts Council staff and Museum of Art & History staff.
3. New category for chamber awards is tabled to July 1 meeting.

VII. Next meeting date: July 1, 2024 – 4:30-6:00 PM. Agenda items may include:

- Public Art Program – report back from subcommittee and discussion, potential formation of standing committee.
- Appoint two commissioners to Lode St. public art project panel.
- Youth in the Arts – report back from subcommittee and discussion
- Arts & Cultural category for SC Chamber awards

VIII. Adjournment – 6:03 PM

Motion/Second: Phillips/Stabile

AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3