



**MINUTES  
SUNNYVALE ARTS COMMISSION  
JULY 21, 2010**

The Sunnyvale Arts Commission met in regular session in City Hall Council Chambers, at 456 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94086 at 7 p.m. with Chair Obrey presiding.

**CALL TO ORDER/SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Chair Obrey called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present:** Chair Robert Obrey  
Vice Chair Tara Martin-Milius  
Commissioner Noelle Hughes

**Commissioners Absent:** Commissioner Tracy Seto (excused)

**Staff Present:** Assistant to the Director Cathy Merrill

**CONSIDERATION OF ABSENCE**

Commissioner Seto notified Assistant to the Director Merrill in advance of the meeting that she is unable to attend the July 21, 2010, meeting.

**MOTION: Commissioner Hughes moved and Vice Chair Martin-Milius seconded to excuse the absence of Commissioner Seto.**

**VOTE: Motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Seto was absent.**

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1.A. Approval of Draft Minutes of June 16, 2010, Arts Commission Meeting

Chair Obrey opened the Public Hearing. There were no speakers. Chair Obrey closed the Public Hearing.

**MOTION: Commissioner Hughes moved and Chair Obrey seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.**

**VOTE: Motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Seto was absent.**

**SCHEDULED PRESENTATION** - None

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

**STAFF RESPONSES TO PRIOR PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

### 2. General Plan Consolidation Advisory Committee Update

Commissioner Hughes mentioned Hanson Hom, Director of Community Development, clarified issues regarding concerns she had after the May 27, 2010, committee meeting.

Commissioner Hughes noted the June 24, 2010, committee meeting was productive. The committee considered the "look and feel" of the proposed General Plan document. Staff is evaluating recommendations made by the committee regarding the format of the document.

Commissioner Hughes encouraged Arts Commission members to attend the next committee meeting scheduled for July 29, 2010, albeit she is unable to attend. She mentioned this meeting might be of interest as there will be many changes to the current General Plan document. Vice Chair Martin-Milius is an alternate on the committee so she will make an effort to attend the meeting. Chair Obrey stated he will try to attend as a member of the public.

Chair Obrey proposed switching the order of Public Hearing items 3 & 4, and there were no objections.

### 4. Proposed Revisions to Arts Commission Membership Requirements (Draft RTC Approval of Revised Council Policy 7.2.19, *Boards and Commissions*)

Assistant to the Director Merrill gave the staff report.

Commissioner Hughes inquired if current Commissioners have a visual or performing arts background. Both Chair Obrey and Commissioner Hughes have a visual arts background. Vice Chair Martin-Milius stated she is not an artist but has an interest in art.

Vice Chair Martin-Milius appreciates the value of having artists on the Commission but does not feel there should be a mandate that requires the Commission to consist of two members with a visual arts background and two members with a performing arts background. Vice Chair Martin-Milius feels it is important to keep the residency requirement, and at a minimum, require one member of the Commission to have a background in visual arts and one member with a background in performing arts.

Commissioner Hughes commented that a Commission with a variety of backgrounds could be a benefit to realizing Council's vision for the arts in Sunnyvale.

Chair Obrey mentioned he knows some individuals with performing arts backgrounds that may be interested; however, they are not Sunnyvale residents. He suggested there be no required minimum; rather, to the extent possible there be a representative from each area.

Chair Obrey opened the Public Hearing. There were no speakers. Chair Obrey closed the Public Hearing.

**MOTION: Vice Chair Martin-Milius moved and Commissioner Hughes seconded to recommend that Council amend Council Policy 7.2.19, Section 2. B. (IV) regarding Arts Commission membership to state:**

**The members of this Commission shall have a demonstrated interest in the arts (such as visual, performing, literary) and in the art programs of the City. To the extent possible, the Arts Commission shall include at least one member with a background in visual arts and one member with a background in performing arts.**

**VOTE: Motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Seto was absent.**

Chair Obrey volunteered to present the Commission's recommendation to council on August 24, 2010.

3. Election of Commission Officers for FY 10/11

Vice Chair Martin-Milius advised to defer the election to the next Arts Commission meeting. She inquired if the Commission is available to meet on August 11, 2010.

Assistant to the Director Merrill confirmed August 11<sup>th</sup> is available.

**MOTION: Commissioner Hughes moved and Vice Chair Martin-Milius seconded to change the next Commission meeting from August 18, 2010, to August 11, 2010.**

**VOTE: Motion passed 3-0. Commissioner Seto was absent.**

### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

#### Commission Members Oral Comments

Chair Obrey spoke on behalf of the Arts Commission, wishing Director of Community Services Lewis a happy retirement and thanked him for his service to the Arts Commission and the City of Sunnyvale.

Staff Oral Comments - None

### **INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

- Staff Liaison Written Report
- Customer Satisfaction Survey

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cathy E. Merrill, Assistant to the Director  
Department of Community Services

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