



APPROVED MINUTES *
SUNNYVALE ARTS COMMISSION
SEPTEMBER 21, 2011

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 Hughes presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Hughes called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Hughes led the salute to the flag.

Chair Hughes announced that Commissioner Obrey resigned from the Arts Commission. She said he will be missed and made a huge contribution to the arts in Sunnyvale.

ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Chair Noelle Hughes
Vice Chair Tracy Seto
Commissioner Vinita Karun

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Community Services Manager Diane Moglen
Admin Aide Karen Smith

Ms. Cheryl Anton, Bay Area Communication Access (BACA), provided interpretive services for Vice Chair Seto.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A. MOTION Approval of Draft Minutes of August 17, 2011, Arts Commission Meeting

MOTION: Vice Chair Seto moved and Commissioner Karun seconded to approve Item 1.A. of the Consent Calendar as presented.

VOTE: 3-0 passed.

1.B. MOTION Correction to Approved Minutes of July 20, 2011, Arts Commission Meeting

Public Comments, Page 1:

“Vice Mayor Griffith stated he is Chair of the Subcommittee on Board/Commission Policies. He said the subcommittee is recommending the creation of a Council liaison to the various

Commissions so that Council would have a sense of the ways things work at Commission meetings.”

Vice Mayor Griffith informed the City Clerk that he said “considering,” not “recommending.”

MOTION: Commissioner Karun moved and Vice Chair Seto seconded to approve Item 1.B. of the Consent Calendar as amended and change “recommending” to “considering” under Public Comments, Page 1.

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VOTE: 3-0 passed.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. DISCUSSION Study Issues/Budget Issues for 2012

Community Services Manager Moglen presented an overview of the study issue process.

Chair Hughes opened the floor for discussion of possible study issues.

Discussion included the potential need to market children’s’ theater for a diverse audience, including those with disabilities. This would pull in people not only from Sunnyvale but from outside the City as well. An example was given that San Francisco theaters set up and market a specific day for American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters.

Community Services Manager Moglen said the two resident theatre groups at Sunnyvale Theatre do employ ASL interpreters as needed and hearing devices are available. Discussion continued that the resident theatre groups could improve their marketing by reaching out and educating the public about these services. Community Services Manager Moglen will pass along the suggestion to the resident theatre groups and bring back any further information to the Commission.

Discussion ensued regarding expanding the role and work of the Commission to include projects that engage the Commissioners more directly with the community. Several projects were mentioned as examples of projects that were taken on by the Arts Commission in another city. Commissioner Karun said it seems like most of the time the Commission is approving an art design that has already gone through the screening process.

Community Services Manager Moglen reminded the Commission that it is an advisory board to Council and job duties are specified in the by-laws. She said there have been occasions in the past when the Commission has had projects to support art issues and suggested that, at a future meeting, the Commission develop a list of ways to promote Sunnyvale arts programs.

The Public Hearing was opened. There were no speakers. The Public Hearing was closed.

There was no further discussion and no action was taken.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

COMMISSION MEMBERS ORAL COMMENTS

Chair Hughes acknowledged Commissioner Karun's idea of expanding the role and work of the Commission and expects to have good discussions at future meetings.

STAFF ORAL COMMENTS – None

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS – None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Hughes adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Karen Smith
Recording Secretary

Reviewed by:

Diane Moglen
Community Services Manager, Arts and Marketing
Community Services Division
Library and Community Services Department