

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR ARTS COMMISSION MEETING**

**Thursday, January 26, 2023**

**City of Elk Grove City Council Chambers  
8400 Laguna Palms Way**

**1) CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The regular meeting of the Arts Commission was called to order by Chair Nan Mahon at 6:34PM on January 26, 2023.

Present: Cheryl Griess, Sally Guttridge, Liz Irons and Leslie Sandefur.

Also Present: Lana Yoshimura, Ash Kumar, Gary Mendoza, Bret Bartholomew

**2) PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None

*\*Item 4.1 Bloomberg Philanthropies' Public Art Challenge 2023 was taken out of order.*

Ash Kumar, Management Analyst with the City of Elk Grove, presented an overview of the Public Art Challenge. This competitive national contest offers groups a million-dollar grant to create an innovative, temporary art project to highlight a civic issue in their community. The City team became aware of this competition in December 2022 and have elected to pursue it to highlight the refugee and immigrant experience in Elk Grove. The City is seeking the support and assistance of the Arts Commission in pursuing this grant.

Commissioners were in favor of supporting the City's application for the challenge. They suggested murals spotlighting Elk Grove residents like Mary Tsukamoto who was an immigrant interned during World War II that made tremendous contributions to the community. Another suggestion was a concert with world music from countries refugees are from to highlight their cultures.

Sally Guttridge moved the Art Commission support the City's Public Art Challenge grant and sponsor the project financially if we are selected. Liz Irons seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Ms. Kumar thanked the Commission for their support and asked for a Commission representative be part of the committee. Liz Irons volunteered to serve.

**3) GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

**3.1 Approval of minutes from November 17, 2022**

Motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Sally Guttridge and seconded by Leslie Sandefur. Minutes approved as presented.

**3.2 Update on Commission Budget.**

Lana Yoshimura provided an update on the Commission budget. Current balance is \$40,864.39 with upcoming expenses for the Blues Revue Show pending. The Commission requested the Blues Show be recorded for archive purposes. After reviewing the budget, the Commission decided to eliminate refreshments from the Blues Revue budget to hire a videographer.

#### **4) REGULAR AGENDA ACTIONS ITEMS/POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATIONS**

**4.1. Bloomberg Philanthropies' Public Art Challenge – Discussed earlier in the agenda.**

##### **4.2 Public Art Projects**

4.2.1 Oasis Park – the artwork has been installed and groundcover has been added to the area. Unveiling of the piece will occur at the opening of the facility.

4.2.2 Old Town Plaza – Stephen Fairfield, artist, is working with Shelly Willis, City's Art Management Consultant, and Public Works on the footing and finalizing the engineering. Suggestion was made that "railroad music" be played during the unveiling ceremony for the sculpture once its completed.

##### **4.3 Commission Projects**

4.3.1 Trail Signage project- No update.

4.3.2 Old Town Plaza Railroad Container Mural – Liz Irons continues to work on gaining permission to paint a mural on the railroad container near Old Town Plaza. She is meeting with Juan Fernandez (Planning Commission) to discuss the project and enlist his help to liaison with Union Pacific.

4.3.3. Discuss Commission Projects for Fiscal Year 2022-23

4.3.3.1 Upright piano project – Nan Mahon received project information from the City of Davis which was provided to the Commission for review. Ms. Guttridge suggested creating a concrete pad near the music sculpture in the Avenue of the Arts at District56 for a piano. Concerns were raised about the irrigation spraying the piano due to the turf area surrounding the music sculpture. Ms. Guttridge and Ms. Irons will tour District56 to look at possible locations for a piano and will report back.

4.3.3.2 Possible locations for additional murals and artwork.

Ms. Yoshimura presented pictures from the Laguna Creek Trail bridge located on Bond Avenue at Elk Grove Florin. There are four panels that could be painted, two facing the vehicular traffic and two pedestrian facing. Yoshimura asked for clarification on whether the Commission wanted all four of the panels painted or just two. The Commission decided to have the two panels facing the vehicles painted. Yoshimura reported that the painting would involve the need for street closure which would be part of the project.

##### **4.4 Events**

4.4.1 Blues Revue Event – Sun, March 12, 2023.

4.4.1.1 Discuss Logistics and Budget for the Event – Yoshimura updated the Commission on the contracts that have been completed, those that are still pending, and distributed the marketing for the event. The Commission asked about

the City creating a Facebook event and advertising on the Auto Mall sign. Yoshimura will put in the request to Public Affairs for those items.

#### 4.4.2 Cabaret Event – Sat. June 2, 2023

4.4.2.1 Discuss logistics & Budget for the Event – The Commission reviewed the draft design for the cabaret event and made suggestions. They confirmed the time of the event as 7PM and would like to have wine and water available along with a food truck for refreshments. Ms. Sandefur has a contact for a food truck and wine so will pursue these items.

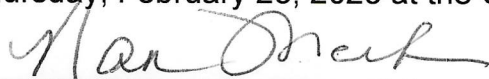
Discussed chairs/tables and the Commission will use the District56 equipment instead of renting. Mrs. Guttridge contacted Supervisor Pat Hume to serve as emcee for the event. Event budget is \$10,000.

#### 5) COMMISSION COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Ms. Guttridge reported the Strauss Festival is hosting a Tea on March 4<sup>th</sup> at 1PM.
- Ms. Yoshimura asked the Commissioners to pencil in a City Commission/Committee Appreciation event on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM. Details are forthcoming.

#### 6) ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19PM. The next Commission meeting will be held Thursday, February 23, 2023 at the City Council Chambers.

  
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NAN MAHON, CHAIR  
ELK GROVE ARTS COMMISSION

  
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