



**ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

MILL VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
180 CAMINO ALTO
MILL VALLEY, CA 94941
TUESDAY JANUARY 11, 2021
7:00 p.m.

Coleen Byrne Chair – present
Nancy Elkus, Vice Chair – present
Lizelle Green – absent, excused
Jeffrey Harris – present
Victoria Mimiaga - present
Farrah Spott - present
Sharon Valentino - present

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

Staff Present: Director Sean McGrew, Program Supervisor, Molly Given, Senior Administrative Aide Lauren Buchholz, and Emeritus Commissioner Pakenham.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA ORDER

It was **MOVED** by **Commissioner Spott** and **SECONDED** by **Commissioner Valentino** to Approve the Amended Agenda Order. The Motion was carried by a 6 - 0 vote with **None** dissenting.

COMMISSION AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director McGrew introduced Molly Given, who has moved into the position of Community Services Program Supervisor.

Program Supervisor Given reviewed her experience and work history with Mill Valley Recreation.

Director McGrew reviewed the outline of the Strategic Planning Retreat agenda which will be held on Wednesday, January 26, 2022.

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33 **Vice Chair Elkus** reported Abby Wasserman is coordinating with the Milleys Board to help
34 guide them on what might happen next.

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36 **PUBLIC OPEN TIME**

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38 **Chair Byrne** opened public open time.

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40 **Director McGrew** shared information about a request to donate Bufano sculptures to the Arts
41 Commission, he will bring the information to the retreat for further discussion.

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43 **Chair Byrne** closed public open time.

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45 **CONSENT CALENDAR:** The following items listed on the Consent Calendar to be considered
46 routine and are approved by a single motion without discussion. The Chair or any member of the
47 Commission or the public may request that any item listed under the Consent Calendar be
48 removed and action taken separately. In the event that an item is removed from the Consent
49 Calendar, it shall be considered in its numerical order.

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51 1. Consideration of the Minutes of the December 14, 2021 Regular Commission Meeting.
52 Recommended Action: Approve the December 14, 2021 Regular Commission Meeting
53 minutes.

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55 It was **MOVED** by **Commissioner Harris** and **SECONDED** by **Commissioner Spott** to
56 Approve the Consent Calendar. The Motion was carried by a 6 - 0 vote with **None** dissenting.

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58 **NEW BUSINESS**

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60 2. Call for Musicians Review. Recommended Action: Receive Information and Discuss
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62 **Emeritus Commissioner Pakenham** reviewed the submission process and shared the 2022 Call
63 for Musical Artist announcement that will go out via social media and web site. The concerts are
64 schedule for Sat & Sun 9/10 & 9/11 with 4 main acts performing each day. He has already
65 booked Paul Knight for sound. He plans to do the in-between bands again as well.

66 **Chair Byrne** asked if the concerts could be set on a bigger stage, like Larry the Hat does for his
67 downtown party.

68 **Emeritus Commissioner Pakenham** stated a larger budget and security would be needed.

69 **Director McGrew** stated in order to justify the increase in budget there needs to be the crowds
70 to warrant a change to a larger space.

71 **Chair Byrne** asked if the Commission should consider increasing the \$20 submission fee.

72 **Emeritus Commissioner Pakenham** stated there is already push back from many bands on
73 having to pay a fee at all, he did not suggest increasing it.

74 **Commissioner Valentino** agreed and stated by keep the fee low the hope is to encourage local
75 bands to apply.

76 **Emeritus Commissioner Pakenham** reported that Rebecca from Dirty Cello has reached out to
77 him about doing a separate event with her orchestra for an approximate cost of \$800, he
78 suggested possibly at a first Tuesday artwalk.

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3. Consideration of Extending the City Hall First Tuesday ArtWalk Exhibitions from One Month to Two Months Due to Reduced Hours of Operation. Recommended Action: Receive Information and Discuss Information and Consider for Approval.

Commissioner Spott reported that City Hall is now only open 8am-12pm Mon-Thurs which significantly decreases the opportunity for public viewing of the art exhibitions. She suggested allowing the exhibitions to be up for 2 months and give the artists the option to host receptions each month.

Commissioner Mimiaga agreed with this suggestion

Chair Byrne stated she had no issues with this suggest and asked if anyone did.

It was **MOVED** by **Commissioner Spott** and **SECONDED** by **Vice Chair Elkus** to Approve Extending the City Hall First Tuesday ArtWalk Exhibitions from One Month to Two Months. The Motion was carried by a 6 - 0 vote with **None** dissenting.

4. First Tuesday ArtWalk Reception Arts Commissioner Assignments. Recommended Action: Review First Tuesday ArtWalk Schedule and Assign Commissioners to Attend Community Center & City Hall Receptions.

City Hall – February will be **Commissioner Harris & Chair Byrne**

City Hall – March will be **Commissioner Mimiaga & Commissioner Green**

Community Center – February & March will be **Vice Chair Elkus**

5. Call for Rotating Art on the Plaza Submission Review and Consideration for Selection. Recommended Action: Review Submissions and Consider for Approval.

Director McGrew stated during this discussion the concept of an artist stipend and the timeframe for when art will go and stay up will be addressed, but he suggested the Commission review the submission and see how many pieces are selected before making decisions on these factors.

After reviewing and voting on each submission

It was **MOVED** by **Commissioner Spott** and **SECONDED** by **Commissioner Valentino** to Select the Top 3 submission and keep the up for 4 months each.

Chair Byrne offered a friendly amendment to add submission #1 to the selections.

Commissioner Harris stated he likes submissions #1, 2 & 4 as they have a folksy feel to them.

Commissioner Spott and **Commissioner Valentino** stated the artwork selected needs to be at a very high standard as this is a pilot for future public art and the Depot owners were promised refined pieces.

Vice Chair Elkus stated she respects what **Commissioner Spott** and **Commissioner Valentino** said, she likes the idea of including children’s & folk art but doesn’t think the first year of the project is the right time.

Commissioner Harris stated once another location for public art is selected this location could be used for children and/or folk art.

Chair Byrne stated she is ok with going with a smaller number of pieces of art this year and exploring another location for additional calls.

Commissioner Mimiaga stated she doesn’t think 4 months is too long to have artwork up.

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125 **Commissioner Valentino & Commissioner Spott** agreed.
126 **Commissioner Valentino** suggested if the artwork is damaged or stolen that the artist be given
127 the option to install another piece of art for the rest of their allotted time.

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129 The Motion was carried by a 6 - 0 vote with **None** dissenting.

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131 **Director McGrew** asked if the Commission wanted to approve an artist stipend, the budget
132 looks good, especially since the Art Boxes will not need to be re-wrapped this year and there is
133 \$500/box allocated in the budget.

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135 It was **MOVED** by **Chair Byrne** and **SECONDED** by **Vice Chair Elkus** to Approve a \$500
136 Stipend for Each Selected Artist. The Motion was carried by a 6 - 0 vote with **None** dissenting.

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138 The Public Art Committee will contact the 3 selected artists to discuss availability of artwork to
139 set up a display schedule.

140 **Commissioner Spott** will draft a message to the unselected artists and share it with **Director**
141 **McGrew** before sending it out.

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143 **STAFF AND COMMISSION REQUESTS AND IDEAS FOR DISCUSSION**

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145 **Chair Byrne** asked to add to the February agenda an item to election of **Commissioner**
146 **Valentino** to become an Emeritus Commissioner.

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148 **ADJOURNMENT** – To the next Regular Commission meeting, which will be held on Tuesday,
149 February 8, 2022 at 7pm at The Mill Valley Community Center, 180 Camino Alto, Mill Valley,
150 CA 94941.

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152 **It was MOVED** by **Vice Chair Elkus** to Adjourn the Regular meeting. The motion was carried
153 by a 6 – 0 vote with **None** abstaining.