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3 **ARTS COMMISSION**
4 **MEETING MINUTES**
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6 MILL VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
7 180 CAMINO ALTO
8 MILL VALLEY, CA 94941
9 TUESDAY MARCH 8, 2022
10 7:00 p.m.
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Coleen Byrne Chair – present
Farrah Spott, Vice Chair – present
Nancy Elkus – present
Lizelle Green – present
Jeffrey Harris – present
Victoria Mimiaga - present
Jimmy Singer - present

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13 **CALL TO ORDER**
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15 **ROLL CALL**

16 Staff Present: Director Sean McGrew, Program Supervisor, Molly Given, Business Services
17 Manager Risa De Ferrari, and Senior Administrative Assistant Lauren Buchholz
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19 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA ORDER**
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21 It was **MOVED** by **Vice Chair Spott** and **SECONDED** by **Commissioner Mimiaga** to
22 Approve the Amended Agenda Order; to hear Item #6 immediately after Agenda Approval. The
23 Motion was carried by a 7 - 0 vote with **None** dissenting.
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25 Nominations and Election of Arts Commission Chairperson
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27 **Commissioner Elkus** nominated **Chair Byrne** to be elected as Chairperson.

28 **Chair Byrne** asked if there were any other nominations

29 No additional nominations were made.
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31 It was **MOVED** by **Commissioner Elkus** elect Chair Byrne as Chairperson. The Motion was
32 carried by a 6 - 0 vote with **None** dissenting.
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34 Nominations and Election of Arts Commission Vice Chairperson

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36 **Commissioner Green** nominated **Commissioner Spott** to be elected as Vice Chairperson.

37 **Chair Byrne** asked if there were any other nominations

38 No additional nominations were made.

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40 It was **MOVED** by **Commissioner Green** to elect Commissioner Spott as Vice Chairperson.

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

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43 **COMMISSION AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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45 • Introduction of New Arts Commissioner – Jimmy Singer

46 **Vice Chair Spott** reported that she and **Chair Byrne** have a meeting tomorrow and will be
47 trying to get Mill Valley recognized as an Arts Community by the California Council for the
48 Arts.

49 **Chair Byrne** reported she will be meeting with Maria Hope from the Sweetwater to discuss how
50 the Sweetwater might be more involved with the Arts Commission.

51 **Director McGrew** reported he is speaking with a representative from the Harvey Milk Center
52 about hosting another Rock & Rock art exhibition at the Mill Valley Community Center; he will
53 report back with more details once he has seen the current exhibition.

54 **Director McGrew** stated the City is currently recruiting for a Recreation Department Deputy
55 Director.

56 **Program Supervisor Given** reported the Community Center will be hosting an Active Adult Art
57 Show in May.

58 **Commissioner Mimiaga** reported she has been speaking with Jen Matthew from the Lumbar
59 Yard about a possible location for outdoor public art.

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61 **PUBLIC OPEN TIME**

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63 **Chair Byrne** opened public open time, but 2 emails were received and read.

64 **Communications:**

65 Rima Alrwais

66 Sara Wessen Chang

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

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

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- 75 1. Consideration of the Minutes of the February 8, 2022 Regular Commission Meeting.
76 Recommended Action: Approve the February 8, 2022 Regular Commission Meeting
77 minutes.

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79 It was **MOVED** by **Commissioner Elkus** and **SECONDED** by **Commissioner Green** to
80 Approve the Consent Calendar. The Motion was carried by a 7 - 0 vote with **None** dissenting.

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82 **RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSION REPORTS**

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84 2. Call for Musicians Review. Recommended Action: Receive Information and Discuss
85 Information

86 **Director McGrew** reported 54 submissions, about 50% have sent in music. 2020 Call had 30
87 complete submissions. App deadline is Tues 3/15, music upload deadline is 3/16 @ noon.

88 **Commissioner Harris** asked if the Commissioners knew of any bands that might interested in
89 playing in between the main sets; if so please have them get in touch with him.

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91 3. Comedy in the Plaza Review. Recommended Action: Receive Information and Discuss
92 Information

93 **Director McGrew** reported he has received permission from City Manager Piombo to close
94 Miller Ave along the Plaza for the event so D'Angelo can expand their dining space during the
95 event. All 3 comedians will be listed as headliners; they are Jann Karam, Maggie Maye, and
96 Maureen Lagan.

97 **Chair Byrne** stated the stage will be placed along the Plaza parking lot side facing towards
98 Miller Ave & D'Angelo's. She has secured donations for gifts for the comics.

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100 4. Public Art Projects Committee or Staff Updates. Recommended Action: Receive and
101 Discuss Information and Direct Committee and/or Staff as Necessary.

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103 a. Rotating Art on the Plaza

104 **Vice Chair Spott** reported a great turn out for the ArtWalk artist reception.

105 **Director McGrew** thanked Park Supervisor, Peter Torre, and his crew for their help installing
106 the artwork.

107 **Commissioner Elkus** thanked **Commissioner Mimiaga** for her help at the start of this project
108 with identifying public art locations.

109 **Vice Chair Spott** hopes to go back and talk with the owners of the other identified locations
110 about becoming part of the rotating public art program.

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112 b. Activate the Plaza

113 **Chair Byrne** reported Starduster Orchestra will be on the Plaza on Sunday 5/15 and Silent Disco
114 will happen on Friday 5/20. She asked if any of the Commissioners would be interested in
115 working with **Commissioner Elkus** on the Silent Disco event.

116 **Commissioner Singer** stated he would be happy to help, but his availability is limited for the
117 next few months.

118 **Chair Byrne** stated she is working with Amanda Reeves from Kiddo to see how they can
119 participate in Knitting Us Together this year. She received a voicemail from Louise at Once
120 Around offering help, and she hopes the Lumberyard can be a location for kids knitting as well.
121 Knitting Us Together will be installed on August 27 and will remain up through October.

122 **Program Supervisor Given** stated staff can incorporate knitting projects into summer camp
123 activities, she will also reach out to the Center's Nifty Knitters group.

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125 c. Priority Projects Status Update

126 **Director McGrew** reviewed the 3 FY 22/23 Priority Projects the Arts Commission identified at
127 their recent Retreat: Art Bike Racks, Murals on Baseball Backstops, and a Fundraising Event. He
128 reported that **Chair Byrne**, himself, and former Parks & Recreation Commissioner, Greg Moore,
129 meet a Boyle Park recently and identified the backstop along Thalia Ave as a location for a
130 mural and Mill Valley Little League may have the ability to provide some funding towards this
131 project.

132 **Director McGrew** suggested asking the City’s Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee
133 (BPAC) for guidance on potential locations for Art Bike Racks.

134 **Commissioner Mimiaga** stated the Lumberyard is interested in having an Art Bike Rack.

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136 **OLD BUSINESS**

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138 5. Consideration of Commissioner Assignments for First Tuesday ArtWalk Receptions at
139 City Hall and Community Center and Revisit July 5, 2022 ArtWalk Options.

140 Recommended Action: Receive and Discuss Information, Confirm Assignments and
141 Direct Staff as Necessary.

142 **Chair Byrne** stated the Arts Commission had agreed not to host ArtWalk receptions on July 5 at
143 the Community Center or City Hall, but the next installation of the Rotating Art on the Plaza is
144 scheduled for the July 5 First Tuesday ArtWalk.

145 **Director McGrew** stated another option would be to extend the time that the existing art is up in
146 the Plaza.

147 **Vice Chair Spott** stated she will take on hosting the July 5 art reception at the Plaza.

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149 **NEW BUSINESS**

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151 6. Consideration of Participation in Mill Valley Outdoor Art Club’s May 2022 “Stepping
152 Out Event”. Recommended Action: Receive and Discuss Information and Consider
153 Participation.

154 **Chair Byrne** stated the participation in this event will be a great way to get information about
155 the Arts Commission and the need for donations. The participating Arts Commissioners will take
156 Outdoor Art Club Members on a tour of the First Tuesday ArtWalk venues. Gallery owners have
157 been invited to the event reception at the Depot Café to kick off the tours. **Chair Byrne,**
158 **Commissioner Elkus,** and **Commissioner Mimiaga** will be doing the tours.

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160 7. Consideration of Changing the Mill Valley Arts Commission’s Meeting Start Time to
161 6:30pm. Recommended Action: Discuss and Consider for Approval.

162 **Commissioner Elkus** informed the Commissioners that she cannot make the meetings if the
163 start time would be changed to 6:30pm.

164 All agreed to leave the meeting start time as 7:00pm.

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

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168 **ADJOURNMENT** – To the next Regular Commission meeting, which will be held on Tuesday,
169 April 12, 2022 at 7pm at The Mill Valley Community Center, 180 Camino Alto, Mill Valley, CA
170 94941.

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172 **It was MOVED by Vice Chair Spott** to Adjourn the Regular meeting. The motion was carried
173 by a 7 – 0 vote with **None** abstaining.