

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

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925-646-2278 (office); STAFF@AC5.cccounty.us**MINUTES for Monday, October 15, 2018, 1:20 PM – 3:07 PM**10 Douglas Street, Suite 250, Martinez, CA 94553

Commissioners Present: Silvia Ledezma, District I; Marija Bleier, District II; Teresa Snook O’Riva District V; Y’Anad Burrell, At-Large; LaMar Anderson, At-Large

Commissioners Absent: PJ Shelton, District III; Elizabeth Wood, District IV

Staff Present: Roger Renn, AC5 Managing Director

Guests/Visitors Present: Lanita Mims and Joan D’Onofrio both applying for AC5 Commission Seats

Call to Order:

Commission Chairperson O’Riva, called the meeting to order at 1:20 PM.

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of the September 24th, 2018 Minutes

Minutes for the September 24th Commission meeting were approved as submitted.

- MOTION MADE: Commissioner Ledezma moved that the AC5 September 24th, 2018 Commission meeting minutes be approved.
MOTION SECONDED: Commissioner Bleier
ABSTAINED: Commissioner Snook O’Riva
IN FAVOR: All
- ✓ MOTION PASSED

Applications for Seats on Commission

Four applications for At-Large Seats were considered. Applicants were asked to interview at the October meeting. Lanita Mims and Joan D’Onofrio both interviewed. Scott Shepherd and Hannah Brown withdrew their names. As part of the interview process, Ms. Mims and Ms. D’Onofrio were asked to reply to questions sent to them in advance. Commissioners also asked more questions based on their reply. Both applicants answers questions in a favorable way.

After applicants left the room, Commissioners voted to forward both names to the Health and Human Services Committee for recommendation by the Board of Supervisors.

- MOTION MADE: Commissioner Ledezma moved that Lanita Mims and Joan D’Onofrio be forwarded to the Health and Human Services Committee for recommendation by the Board of Supervisors MOTION SECONDED: Commissioner Bleier
ABSTAINED: none
IN FAVOR: All
- ✓ MOTION PASSED

Managing Director Report

Mr. Renn reported that Commissioner Snook O'Riva's reappointment is scheduled for the October 23, at the Board of Supervisor's meeting.

He will be attending the Art for Justice Forum presented by the California Lawyers for the Arts in Sacramento, October 16. Based on interest expressed by local arts and public safety officials, CLA has asked the California Arts Council to consider funding a pilot project for arts programs in county jails beginning in 2019-20.

Five grant program Webinars are being offered by CAC in October & November. Commissioner were encouraged to view these one-hour webinars. Mr. Renn reported that the CAC State Local Partnership Program Interim Report (FY18-19) – SL-17-00014 was submitted October 10th. AC5 received \$58,016, the required match was \$30,000 (County = \$15,000 + other = \$15,000). We have received \$5,000 so far, short about \$10,000.

The Poetry Out loud program contracts for Coordinator & Artists are being prepared for Nov 1. CAC ABOUTFACE (VIA) Final Report (VIA-16-00004) was submitted October 10th. ABOUTFACE 2019-20 opened this week with a possible \$18,000. Grant Activity Period: 6/1/2019 – 5/31/2020. A VIA Webinar November 14th will explain details. The VIA-FY17-18 Grant has been awarded for \$8,800 and Commissioner Anderson will begin immediately to prepare for six workshops in the spring.

Friends of AC5 Report

Tess Snook O'Riva, board member of Friends of AC5, presented a short report on the non-profit arm of AC5. She reported that the non-profit has been a 501(c3) since 1990 but that contributions have not come in since 2014. With newly appointed board members the organization is in the process of re-organizing. Funds can currently cover request to support the Poetry Out Loud program. This program has been supported by Friends for over fifteen years.

Marin County's Art and Culture Master Planning Process

Chair Snook O'Riva tabled discussion until the next meeting that Commissioner Shelton attends. No information regarding the Marin County's Art and Culture Master Planning Process had been gathered at the time of this meeting.

Next Step: Review of action-items Arts Cafés from the Retreat

Chair Snook O'Riva tabled discussion until the next meeting that Commissioner Wood attends.

Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Ledezma: No report

Commissioner Anderson: Reported that he had been promoting AC5's programs at business meetings.

Commissioner Burrell: Reported that she would be very busy with Fashion On The Square during all of November and December.

Commissioner Bleier: Reported that in October she visited the Bedford Gallery in Walnut Creek to see their new exhibition by Portia Munson (the Pink Project), led free kids art workshop in the Village Theatre Art Gallery that was open to all kids with guest artist, Tom Franco (director of Firehouse Arts Collective in Berkeley and Oakland). She also participated in a symposium at a California park and

recreation conference in pleasant hill; led discussion on public art and how to get it and keep it equitable and addressed the fact that many cities and municipalities are taking public art into their budgets. On October 12 Commissioner Bleier hosted a California College of Arts field trip in the Village Theatre Art Gallery—led by CCA professor Pallavi Sharma discussing the artwork in the exhibition—current exhibition is Grounds for Change, Asian American Narratives. Finally, Commission Bleier is planning a trip October 17th to Marin ICB building to do artist studio visits to see new artwork.

Commissioner Snook O’Riva: Reported that the Arts of health and Healing was very active. Dr. Segal has been appointed Regional Director.

Request for Agenda items for November meeting

- Update on Poetry Out Loud program
- Implications of the State Local Partnership Grant
- 2018 Arts in Correction Report
- End of the Year Report to the Board of Supervisors
- Update on Veterans in the Arts Programs
- Marin County’s Art and Culture Master Planning Process

Meeting Adjournment

Chair Snook O’Riva adjourned the meeting at 3:07 PM.