



ARTS COMMITTEE – MINUTES

City Hall Council Chambers
1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA
Monday, March 11, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL / LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

“The City of Albany recognizes that we occupy the land originally protected by the Confederated Villages of Lisjan. We acknowledge the genocide that took place on these lands and must make strides to repay the moral debt that is owed to this indigenous people, specifically the Ohlone Tribe. We thank them for their contributions which have transformed our community, and will continue to bring forth growth and unity. The City of Albany commits to sustaining ongoing relationships with the Tribe and together build a better future for all that now make this their home.”

Committee Purpose

Advise the City Council on cultural and artistic matters within the City including the acquisition and placement of public art. The Committee adheres to the Public Arts Master Plan, the Art in Public Places Ordinance and the Public Arts Project Plan in order to support, develop and promote art in Albany and increase the economic vitality of the City.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Feb. 12, 2024

MOTION:

Moved by Voting Member Greene, seconded by Voting Member Baldwin, to approve

AYES: Voting Member Baldwin, Voting Member Guan, Voting Member Carlton, Voting Member Chen, Voting Member Shah, Voting Member Greene

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

For persons desiring to address the Advisory Body on an item that is not on the agenda. Please note that each speaker is limited up to three (3) minutes. The Brown Act limits the Committee’s ability to take and/or discuss items that are not on the agenda; therefore, such items are normally referred to staff for comment or to a future agenda.

There was no public comment.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff and Committee member announcements, reports and updates of status of previous agenda items.

Member Baldwin shared that AHS is currently presenting the musical, Mamma Mia.

Staff shared that the Albany Murals Project Call for Artists is public, and that the Arts section of the City website has been refreshed.

5. PRESENTATIONS

6. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE ACTION ON MATTERS RELATED TO THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

6-1. Sculpture Loan Program

Discuss options for current and upcoming pieces to be featured in the Sculpture Loan Program.

Member Chen provided the Committee with background information on the existing Sculpture Loan program. The Committee discussed the various options for managing sculpture pieces and whether pieces should be temporary, or permanent if purchased at the end of the loan.

MOTION:

Moved by Voting Member Chen, seconded by Voting Member Greene, to recommend that the City use PAPP funds to purchase “Barred Spirals”, a sculpture by Jeff Dowling, currently on loan as part of the Sculpture Loan program.

AYES: Voting Member Baldwin, Voting Member Guan, Voting Member Carlton, Voting Member Chen, Voting Member Shah, Voting Member Greene

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

6-2. Subcommittee Updates (if available)

Foyer Art Gallery (Carlton, Chen)

Murals (Shah, Greene)

Sculpture Loan (Chen, Guan, Martinez-Moore)

Arts Committee marketing subcommittee (Baldwin, Carlton, Guan)
Heron Sculpture restoration (Baldwin)

Subcommittees provided updates on their various activities.

6-3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

MOTION:

Moved by Voting Member Carlton, seconded by Voting Member Guan, to appoint Emily Chen as Arts Committee chair.

AYES: Voting Member Baldwin, Voting Member Guan, Voting Member Carlton,
Voting Member Chen, Voting Member Shah, Voting Member Greene

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

MOTION:

Moved by Voting Member Chen, seconded by Voting Member Greene, to appoint Harsh Shaw as Vice Chair.

AYES: Voting Member Baldwin, Voting Member Guan, Voting Member Carlton,
Voting Member Chen, Voting Member Shah, Voting Member Greene

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

Motion carried and so ordered.

7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Committee members announce requests for future agenda items

8. NEXT MEETING: Monday, April 8, 2024

9. ADJOURNMENT