



## ARTS COMMITTEE – MINUTES

City Hall Council Chambers  
1000 San Pablo Avenue, Albany, CA  
Monday, May 13, 2024

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### 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: April 8, 2024

#### **MOTION:**

Moved by , seconded by , to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2024 meeting.

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

NOES: None

ABSENT: Voting Member Chen

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.

Staff updated the Committee on the current status of the current Call for Artists.

## **5. PRESENTATIONS**

### **5-1. Seen&Heard**

The Committee will receive a presentation on Seen&Heard, an inclusive community arts project designed to provide an artistic outlet for participants to be personally witnessed through their original creation of visual art or spoken word.

The Arts Committee received a presentation by Eugenie Hsu on Seen&Heard, an inclusive community arts project designed to provide an artistic outlet for participants to be personally witnessed through their original creation of visual art or spoken word.

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

### **6-1. Extension of Deadline for Albany Murals Project**

The Committee will discuss extending the submission deadline past May 20 in order to receive additional Murals Project applications.

The committee agreed that the deadline of the Albany Murals Project should be extended from May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024 until June 20, 2024.

### **6-2. Albany Poet Laureate**

The Committee will consider reintroducing a Poet Laureate program for the City of Albany.

The committee determined that there was not an urgent need to move forward on revamping the Poet Laureate program but look at it again in the future.

### **6-3. Possible Date Change for June Arts Committee Meeting**

The committee discussed modifying the June meeting date in order to accommodate committee member and staff schedules in June. No action was taken.

### **6-4. Subcommittee Updates (if available)**

Foyer Art Gallery (Carlton, Chen)  
Murals (Shah, Greene)  
Sculpture Loan (Chen, Guan)  
Arts Committee marketing (Baldwin, Carlton, Guan)  
Heron Sculpture restoration (Baldwin)

Subcommittees provided updates on the Foyer Art Gallery (Carlton, Chen), Sculpture Loan Program (Chen, Guan), Arts Committee marketing subcommittee (Baldwin, Carlton, Guan).

**7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Committee members announce requests for future agenda items

No future agenda items were requested.

**8. NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 10 2024**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**