

Arts and Culture Commission  
Tuesday, January 12, 2016

MINUTES

Commissioners Present:

Pauline B. Fong-Martinez  
Norman J. Rizzi  
Nancy G. Rodriguez  
Dorie Paniza

Commissioners Absent:

Manifou Liaiga-Anoa'I

Staff Present:

Julie Thuy Underwood (Asst. City Manager)

The Commission commenced the meeting at 6:30 pm with roll call. The minutes for November 10, 2015 meeting were approved.

The Commission started the meeting with a debrief of the photo contest gallery opening and event. Below are lessons learned/issues that were raised:

1. No/poor sound
2. Should be earlier, but late start was necessary to accommodate the performers (children)
3. Venue is too small
4. Show winning pictures on the powerpoint presentation
5. Talk to/secure winners for event
6. Terrible lighting for art
7. Terrible lighting for council participants
8. Loved presence of children and diversity
9. Great attendance
10. Came under budget
11. Nice balance in program/food
12. Good amount of food
13. Wonderful response
14. On time
15. Build new and strengthen current relationships
16. Great learning for future events

The Commission reviewed the comments from the participants regarding their vision for Arts & Culture: *What do you envision for Arts and Culture in DC?:*

1. Theater for performing arts
2. Summer music and movie outdoor events
3. Fog

4. Presentation of historic buildings
5. Signage at Mussel Rock
6. % for art
7. More festivals
8. Tree lighting ceremony
9. Change theater Del Rey to real functioning theater
10. creativity
11. music in our schools (\$)
12. create a place for Art in Daly City
13. Art in the park for kids
14. Outreach from museums cultural organizations to Daly City
15. Great films/musicals about great American Musicals
16. Create expectations and accessibility
17. More museums

The Commission then brainstormed what could be next for the Commission. Pauline stated that they needed to create an environment where there's an expectation to provide access to art; there's funding and ease, and a balance to convey who we are. The Commission discussed a list of potential artists to exhibit at the City Hall gallery:

- Nianhua Exhibit: Ancient Chinese Woodblock – The Commission discussed this potential exhibit since it was being offered to the City for the Lunar New Year, which is in February. Given the timing of having just done an event, the Commission decided it was best to decline the offer at this time.
- Paintings Lynette look 'fine artist' - painter
- Lynette's friend who is an artist
- Igor Porton- Photographer knows Shura
- Misha Khalikulov- cellists
- Tree lighting
- Martaivon Galindo-Salvadoran Artist
- "Light Up" event-connect to another event.
- Garbage exhibit – Possibly partner with solid waste provider to sponsor.
  - There was consensus by the Commission for Julie to get more information and research how feasible this is; maybe this could be done next year, but not this year. The Commission agreed that any commissioned artwork should be a sustainable and tangible project.

After discussing the possible artists to feature, the Commission determined that it would be best to develop criteria/policy/open process for exhibiting art in the gallery. The policy would need to address logistics such as insurance, security, etc. However, it should not be too bureaucratic or lengthy of a process.

The Commission discussed the retreat planning. The Commission recognizes that they are a developing commission...

- What is the intention with dedicated art funding?

- What would be our current activities?
- How would we connect the Arts & Culture Commission on a personal level with City activities (funding is with currently planned events)?
- Identify funding opportunities
- Who are we? What do we want to achieve?
- What do we want for our legacy?
- Accessibility, Expectation and Audience
- Pauline will send out possible dates for retreat

It may be helpful to bring in library and/or recreation commission members to address other things that we need to do within the Arts and Culture Commission.

Norm offered idea of making cards of artwork (maybe photography from contest or Daly City Past) and offer these as a fundraiser for the Commission.

Pauline asked the Commission to think about:

- 3 to 5 attributes that our Commission would have that people would use to describe us.
- What do you want us to do as part of our legacy?
- 2 to 3 short term goals you want to see

Norm and Nancy will attend the Black History Month Celebration.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.