

# MARIN COUNTY CULTURAL SERVICES COMMISSION

Marin Center, San Rafael, California

Minutes of Meeting - Wednesday, February 26, 2019

## ROLE CALL

**PRESENT:** Chair Donna Seager Liberatore; Marge Bartolini, Lauren Howard, Chris Owen, Jennifer Wechsler, Helen Willms, Al Boro, Ann Dickson; Director Gabriella C. Calicchio; Marketing Manager Libby Garrison, Fair Manager Charlie Barboni, Executive Assistant Téa Francesca Price

**ABSENT:** Commissioners Ernie Bergman, Madeline Nieto-Hope

## CALL TO ORDER

The Cultural Services Commissioners convened at the Marin Center at 9:33 AM.

## REVIEW AGENDA

*No notes*

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Marge Bartolini motions to approve, Lauren Howard seconds
  - AYES: all

## PUBLIC COMMENT

- None

## CHAIR'S REPORT – Donna Seager Liberatore

- Discussion about role of commissioners; discussion of Cultural Commission meeting on quarterly basis, proposing to Board of Supervisors to amend ordinance for quarterly meetings
  - Supporting arts community and organizations by facilitating awareness and being an advocate in individual districts; reporting back to Commission at each meeting
  - Discussion about the role of the Commission in regards to the Fair

## DIRECTORS REPORT – Gabriella Calicchio

- Vicki Pedersen, Chair of the Marin Cultural Association Board, presents on next steps with the cultural plan
  - Discussion of campus renovations & feasibility study, establishing the needs in Marin County, and developing sustainable business plan
  - March 18, 2020 - AMS Planning and Research group begins feasibility and facility study; timeline estimated six months
    - Stakeholder list can be provided to commissioners who express interest
  - Funding options for campus activation are being explored via general obligation bond, sales tax, philanthropic support, etc.

- Libby Garrison discussed “Artful Cities” group, which Cultural Commissioner Jennifer Wechsler is also a member of; the committee is working with individuals in other municipalities to put together a "toolkit" for municipalities of best practices on establishing guidelines and checklists for public art installation in individual communities. Compiling an inventory of public art; working with Marin County Visitor’s Bureau to link this inventory with their website and app..

**FAIR 2020 UPDATE**– *Libby Garrison*

- Marketing: [MarinFair.org](http://MarinFair.org) has a splash page; full site launches March 16, 2020.
- Open with Chaka Khan - July 1; Chris Isaac - July 2; Blue Oyster Cult - July 3<sup>rd</sup>; Sons of Champlin - July 4<sup>th</sup>; Matt Jaffee – July 4<sup>th</sup>; Los Cafeteras - July 5<sup>th</sup>; Sheila E. - July 5<sup>th</sup>

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Art in the Parks** - *Libby Garrison*

- Meeting with Marin County Parks department and MarinMOCA for collaboration; MarinMOCA’s resident artist has been commissioned to create a public art piece to be installed in the lagoon; MOCA will simultaneously show this artists work in their galleries and host talks with the artist and others about climate change, sea-level rise, and the environment. More details in future report.

**Exhibits & Programs** – *Libby Garrison*

- “Faultline – The County Experience” curated by Cultural Commissioner Jennifer Wechsler is a massive success
- Upcoming exhibits include “Youth & Arts: Rising Stars” and community partnerships with Terra Linda Ceramic Masters and The Marin Collage Collective; reaching out to community groups for future partnership(s) including Cedars
- In the Civic Center, partnering with Health and Human Services for exhibition on senior isolation from Santa Cruz Museum of Art
- Following the Fair, in the Bartolini Gallery, there will be a show on 100 years of women in the United States; 40 artists painting portraits of significant women in history; exploring tri-departmental partnership with Library and Election Department to tie this show with talks around the November Election /significant women in the political arena.
- Requests Commissioners, while out in community, to keep eyes and ears to the ground, send artist information to Staff
- Art sales are increasing in Redwood Foyer, Civic Center, Bartolini Gallery, etc.
- Frank Lloyd Wright – tours are going well; Libby attending conference in Wisconsin on “Keeping Frank Lloyd Wright Relevant to Millennials” to learn about struggles, issues, successes; report later.

**Veterans’ Affairs** - *Ernie Bergman*

- No report

**Poet Laureate** - *Lauren Howard*

- Poetry Out Loud was a success, looking forward to discussion about adding poetry reading section to Public Speaking Competition during Fair

### **Other Discussion**

- Commissioner Ann Dickson sat on California Arts Council grant reviewing panel; encourages other Commissioners to apply and participate
- Commissioner Helen Willms raises 'Cultural Treasure'; Ann Dickson and Lauren Howard, Donna Seager Liberatore, Charlie Barboni interested in being part of committee
- The Best of SF Solo series with Brian Copeland on Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM will be here; complimentary tickets available for Commissioners interested

### **IDENTIFY ITEMS FOR NEXT COMMISSION MEETING:**

- Discussion about 'Cultural Treasure'
- Discussion / Decision on Cultural Services Commission roles; all Commissioners should come back with quick summary of what's happening in individual districts.

### **ADJOURN:**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 AM

**The next Commission meeting will take place Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> in the Friends of Marin Center Room at the Marin Center, starting 9:30 am.**

Gabriella C. Calicchio, Director