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 has a splash page; full site launches March 16, 2020.
• Open with Chaka Khan - July 1; Chris Isaac - July 2; Blue Oyster Cult - July 3rd; Sons of Champlin - July 4th; Matt Jaffee – July 4th; Los Cafeteras - July 5th, Sheila E. - July 5th

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 artist’s 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 1st 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 25th in the Friends of Marin Center Room at the Marin Center, starting 9:30 am.

Gabriella C. Calicchio, Director