

1 **MARIN COUNTY CULTURAL SERVICES COMMISSION**  
2 **Via Zoom, Marin Center, San Rafael, California**  
3 **Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday, July 28, 2021**

4 **ROLE CALL**

5 **PRESENT:** Chair Lauren Howard, Commissioners Al Boro, Marge Bartolini, Ernie  
6 Bergman, Helen Willms, Chris Owen, Oshalla Marcus, Jennifer Wechsler.  
7 Director Gabriella Calicchio, Admin Assistant Elisa Seppa

8 **ABSENT:** Commissioners Ann Dickson, Madeline Nieto Hope

9 **CALL TO ORDER**

10 The Cultural Services Commission convened via Zoom Videoconference at 9:33 am.

11 **REVIEW AGENDA**

12 The agenda was approved with the addition of the Sausalito Tunnel Public Art Project item  
13 under the Director's Report being made an ACTION item.

14 AYES: ALL

15 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

16 The minutes of the May 26, 2021 Commission Meeting were approved.

17 AYES: ALL

18 **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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- 20 • Member of the public (Jayni Allsep) was in attendance to observe / expressed interest in  
21 future engagement with the Marin Center and Lagoon Park as a new resident to the area.
  - 22 • Members of the public (Sonja Hanson, Raylene Gorum, Lynn Sondag, Marilyn Mackel,  
23 Shirley Thornton and Susan Shea) were in attendance in support of and to report on the  
24 Sausalito Tunnel Public Art Project.

25 **CHAIR'S REPORT**

No report.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**PUBLIC ART & PLACEMAKING – STEPHANIE TROYAN**

- Stephanie Troyon, Landscape Designer with Marin County Parks, concluded her  
presentation (from May 2021 Commission Meeting) on opportunities for public art and  
placemaking at the Marin Center and Lagoon Park Campus.
- Next steps will be to form diverse focus groups and interview panels and formulate case  
studies to determine best options for the artworks to be implemented. Focus will be to  
highlight equity, accessibility, inclusion, and cohesion.

**SAUSALITO TUNNEL PUBLIC ART PROJECT – SONJA HANSON**

- Sonja Hanson, Raylene Gorum, Lynn Sondag, Marilyn Mackel, Shirley Thornton, and  
Susan Shea are stakeholders in the Sausalito Tunnel Public Art Project (All our Children  
United). Stakeholders were present to speak on the different elements of the project –  
including cleanup of the area, handprint art project, beautification, intention to include

1 other art groups, historical relevance / impact / engagement, funding for ongoing  
2 maintenance.

- 3 • The project members requested the Cultural Services Commission’s support of the  
4 installation.

5 The Sausalito Tunnel Public Art Project was approved.

6 AYES: ALL

7 **CULTURAL COMMUNITY BENEFITS TRAINING – GABRIELLA CALICCHIO**

- 8 • Commissioner Dickson to report at next Commission meeting.
- 9 • Gathering the first cohort in August and work will continue with ArtChangeUS.

10 **VIRTUAL MARIN COUNTY FAIR 2021 – ELISA SEPPA**

- 11 • The goal of the 2021 Marin County Fair was to create a fun alternative purely for  
12 participation and community engagement (no physical or monetary awards, merely digital  
13 accolades), with a platform of celebrating diversity, inclusion, friends and family.
- 14 • The format of the interactive website highlighted a map based on the standard layout of  
15 the Marin County Fair. Exhibit categories were created for participants to submit their  
16 photos and/or videos.
- 17 • Participation exceeded expectations – including 724 adult entries, 217 junior entries, 22  
18 Global Marketplace Vendors, 10 Green Room Gallery artists.
- 19 • Many new and returning entrants participated; overall appreciation and excitement for the  
20 next in-person Fair.
- 21 • Recommendation of having a community engagement booth at future fairs to advise upon  
22 community art projects, art centers, fundraising / future plans for the Marin Center.

23 **FACILITY PLANNING UPDATE & SVOG FUNDING – GABRIELLA CALICCHIO**

- 24 • Marin Center staff will be moving their offices to Los Gatos beginning in September / for  
25 3-5 months during the scheduled seismic retrofitting of the Exhibit Hall building.
- Planning for the Veterans’ Memorial Auditorium building is ongoing. The architects are  
now engaging with a contractor who will provide cost estimates for the overall project. In  
addition, the cost estimates will provide a breakdown of different elements. These  
estimates will be used to determine funding needs and provide numbers for a potential  
G.O. Bond.
- The Marin Center applied for and received \$2.261m from the Shuttered Venues Operator  
Grant (SVOG). The funding is to reimburse all monies lost during closures due to  
COVID.
- Beginning August 2, all attendees at indoor events on the Marin Center Campus will be  
required to be fully vaccinated with the exception of those twelve and under who have no  
choice in the matter. This is the current standard of many other venues, restaurants, and  
bars.

26 **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

27 **EXHIBITS / PROGRAMS – LIBBY GARRISON**

28 No report.

29 **POET LAUREATE / POETRY OUT LOUD –LAUREN HOWARD**

30 No report.

31 **VETERANS’ AFFAIRS REPORT – ERNIE BERGMAN**

- 32 • Plans for Veterans’ Day 2021 is TBD and dependent upon COVID restrictions in place at  
33 that time.

- 1 • The 2021 Wheelchair Regatta will take place September 25 and include 5-6 yacht clubs.  
2 The free annual appreciation/celebration ‘day on the bay’ for veterans – typically hosts  
300 veterans and involves 300 volunteers. Funding is currently being raised in support.

3 **IDENTIFY AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- 4 • Cultural Community Benefits Training (Commissioner Dickson)  
5 • There will be no August 2021 meeting.

6 **ADJOURN:**

7 The meeting was adjourned at 11:03 am.

8 **The next Commission meeting will take place on Wednesday, September 22nd via Zoom,  
9 beginning at 9:30 am.**

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11 Gabriella C. Calicchio, Director