

1 **pMARIN COUNTY CULTURAL SERVICES COMMISSION**  
2 **Via Zoom, Marin Center, San Rafael, California**  
3 **Minutes of Meeting of Wednesday, October 27, 2021**

4 **ROLE CALL**

5 **PRESENT:** Chair Lauren Howard, Commissioners Al Boro, Helen Willms, Chris Owen,  
6 Jennifer Wechsler, Deputy Director Kyle Clausen, Marketing Manager Libby  
7 Garrison, Admin Assistant Elisa Seppa

8 **ABSENT:** Commissioners Marge Bartolini, Ann Dickson, Ernie Bergman, Oshalla  
9 Marcus, Madeline Nieto Hope, Director Gabriella Calicchio

10 **CALL TO ORDER**

11 The Cultural Services Commission convened via Zoom Videoconference at 9:35 am.

12 **REVIEW AGENDA**

13 The agenda was approved with no additions or changes.  
14 AYES: ALL

15 **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

16 The minutes of the September 22, 2021 Commission Meeting were approved.  
17 AYES: ALL

18 **OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

19 No public present.

20 **CHAIR'S REPORT**

21 **AB361 RESOLUTION**

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- 23 • AB361 Resolution would allow Commission meetings to continue to occur via tele/video  
24 conference under certain circumstances as outlined in Assembly Bill 361.
  - 25 • Governor Newsom's executive order allowing legislative bodies to suspend the  
teleconferencing requirements of the Brown Act expired on September 30, 2021. On  
September 16, 2021, Assembly Bill 361 was signed by Governor Newsom, and allows  
legislative bodies to suspend the teleconferencing requirements of the Brown Act and meet  
virtually during a proclaimed state of emergency under certain circumstances.

The AB361 Resolution was approved.

AYES: ALL

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**MARIN COUNTY FAIR 2022**

- As the Marin County Fair has been cancelled over the past two years, staff has decided to use  
a phased-in approach to ensure an in-person event can be executed safely and successfully.  
The 2022 Fair will be exclusively outdoors and feature typical outdoor elements of the Fair  
(carnival, food, concerts, vendors, etc). Competitive exhibits will be exclusively online, with  
potential awards or presentations during the five days of the Fair (June 30 – July 4).

- The finalized theme and poster art will be announced in mid-November.
- The expectation is that the 2023 Marin County Fair will return to its normal format.

### **RENTALS**

- Event rentals at the Marin Center have been increasing, with 17 events scheduled in November and December 2021.
- All producers, staff, and attendees must abide by Marin County guidelines to be granted access into Marin Center facilities. Current requirements include proof of full vaccination, or proof of negative test within 72 hours if ineligible for vaccination. New signage is being implemented to assist in clarity of requirements and directions during events.
- Production of the Marin Center Magazine continues to be on hold. Postcards are being distributed bi-monthly to coincide with the flux in event scheduling that has been occurring during the pandemic. Economic and conservational factors being evaluated to determine if production of the Magazine will resume in the future.
- The Marin Center website is undergoing a redesign and is anticipated to improve options for online content.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **EXHIBITS / PROGRAMS – LIBBY GARRISON**

- The current art exhibit in the Civic Center gallery is entitled *A Decade of Watercolor Inspiration* by artist and instructor Cara Brown and her watercolor group.
- Marin County Fair posters and awards from 1973-2019 are on display in the Redwood Foyer Gallery. The exhibit may be viewed if attending an event or by appointment.
- All other art exhibits continue to be showcased online, including a youth art and film showcase on suicide prevention presented in partnership with Marin HHS.
- Planning is ongoing with Performing Stars of Marin and Microphone Mechanics for the celebration of the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Marinship and the formation of Marin City. Events will begin in January 2022 and occur monthly, leading up to a historical showcase in the Bartolini Gallery and performances in the Showcase Theater in August 2022.
- Frank Lloyd Wright docent tours remain on-hold through at least the end of 2021.

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

- There has not been a Poet Laureate since Terry Lucas stepped down from the role.
- A meeting with the Poet Laureate Committee and the new Marin County Free Library Director will take place in November to discuss selection of a new Poet Laureate.

### **VETERANS' AFFAIRS REPORT – ERNIE BERGMAN**

No veterans' report.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

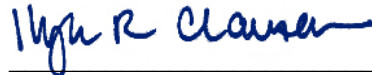
## **IDENTIFY AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- There will be no further Commission meetings in 2021.
- Items to be determined for next meeting, scheduled for January 2022.

**ADJOURN:**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 am.

**The next Commission meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, beginning at 9:30 am. Location to be determined.**



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Kyle Clausen, Deputy Director

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**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION REGARDING TELE/VIDEO-CONFERENCE MEETINGS  
DURING THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY**

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Newsom proclaimed, pursuant to his authority under the California Emergency Services Act, California Government Code Section 8625, that a state of emergency exists with regard to a novel coronavirus (a disease now known as COVID-19); and

**WHEREAS**, on September 16, 2021, Assembly Bill 361 (AB 361) was signed by Governor Newsom, allowing legislative bodies to suspend the teleconferencing requirements of the Brown Act and meet virtually during a proclaimed state of emergency under certain circumstances; and

**WHEREAS**, the continued local rates of transmission of the virus and variants causing COVID-19 are such that the County of Marin Director of Health & Human Services has recommended that the County continue to emphasize social distancing in order to minimize the potential spread of COVID-19 during indoor, public meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of this recommendation the Board of Supervisors authorized all county-affiliated legislative bodies to meet via tele/video conference;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:**

1. There is an ongoing proclaimed state of emergency relating to COVID-19 which continues to directly impact the ability of County legislative bodies to meet safely in person.
2. Local officials continue to recommend measures to promote social distancing and meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of those in-person attendees of this legislative body, within the meaning of California Government Code section 54953(e)(1).

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** at a regular meeting of the Cultural Services Commission for the County of Marin held on this 27th day of October, 2021, by the following vote:

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 4

*Lauren Howard*  
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CHAIRPERSON