

**MARIN COUNTY CULTURAL SERVICES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, September 28th, 2022 9:30 am – 11 am

Friends of Marin Center Room

Marin Center, 10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael 94903

**While members of the public are welcome to address the Commission, under the Brown Act,
Commissioners may not deliberate or act on items not on the agenda, and generally may only listen**

Roll Call

Present: Chair Ann Dickson, Helen Willms, Christopher Owen, Lauren Howard, Marge Bartolini, Oshalla Dee Marcus

Staff: Director Gabriella Calicchio, Media Manager Libby Garrison, Administrative Assistant Michelle Barsky

Absent: Ernie Bergman, Jennifer Wechsler, Al Boro, Madeline Nieto-Hope

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ann Dickson called meeting to order at 10:01am

REVIEW AGENDA

No additions to the agenda. Cultural Services Commission agreed to remove discussion on recording commission meetings as County Counsel had informed the Commission that any member of the public is allowed to record the meetings.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the **July 27th** Cultural Commission Meetings were approved. Moved/Second: M. Bartolini / H. Willms

o AYES: All in Favor

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Bill Hale wants to improve the relationship between Cultural Services and Parks Departments. Wants to tie in Thurgood Marshall with the Legacy of Marin City exhibit. Insists the Cultural Services Commission should record its meetings.

CHAIR REPORT

Chair Dickson announced that October 22nd at 11:00am is the opening of a public art installation at Arbor Park in Terra Linda. The installation was a partnership with the City of San Rafael, members of the community, and the lead nonprofit was Youth in Arts.

Public Comment

Bill Hale suggests the Biennial Report include more community engagement.

Approval of Biennial Report

Moved/Second: M. Bartolini / Helen Willms

o AYES: All In Favor

PRESENTATION OF FARMERS MARKET CANOPIES - Andy Naja-Riese, AIM (15 minutes)

AIM reached an agreement with Lindal Cedar Homes to provide the buildings at the new Center for Food and Agriculture. Designer will be Aris Georges. Double barrel vault canopies will provide partial coverage of the market. Andy demonstrated the placement and design of the canopies. Canopy material is fire resistant, self-cleaning, water resistant and cooling. Site will also include: 100 planted trees, interactive digital kiosk, solar panels, composting station, greenhouse, electric teaching kitchen, and three-bathroom pavilions. To date, \$5.8 million has been raised. There will be a gala on December 3rd at the Swedish American Music Hall to raise funds for the project.

Public Comment

None.

DISCUSSION ON RECORDING COMMISSION MEETINGS (5 minutes)

Removed from agenda.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Update on 2023 Marin County Fair

Theme will be "Electrifying." Working with a local digital artist for the design of the fair poster. Will be contracting with Red Barn Productions to produce specific areas of the fair. Sheila Groves Tracey is the artist buyer for the headline entertainment on the Island Stage. Director Calicchio urges the Commission to look at Alameda County Fair's competitive entries program on their website. Marin County Fair will be moving away from a hard copy entry guide. There is a possibility that the VMA will not be available for the 2023 Fair. There will be an expanded agricultural area and changes will be made to the carnival area. Three separate security teams will be implemented, each team dedicated to a specific zone of the fair. Fine arts and photography will be moved into the Exhibit Hall.

Comment: Extra gravel or drainage should be added around water stations.

Facility Update: Exhibit Hall construction is still not complete. Polling for a possible G.O. Bond to raise funds to renovate the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium will be conducted at the end of January or beginning of February 2023. If numbers are favorable, we expect to have something on the ballot in 2024.

Public Comment

Bill Hale wants less junk food at the fair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Exhibits & Programs (L. Garrison)
Legacy of Marin City exhibit is receiving great attendance. Many school groups are being scheduled to tour the exhibit. In November, the new exhibit in the Bartolini Gallery will feature Marin Photography Club works and in the Civic Center, a group show featuring artists from Gallery Route One will be installed. Thursday, October 13th is the 60th Anniversary of the Administration wing of the Civic Center. Big celebration planned and all are encouraged to attend.
- Poet Laureate / Poetry Out Loud (L. Howard)
Nothing to report.
- Veterans' Affairs (E. Bergman)
Not present.

Public Comment

No public comment

IDENTIFY AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- DPW report on construction

ADJOURNED

Chair Dickson adjourned the meeting at 11:03am. Moved/Second: C. Owen / M. Bartolini