

**MARIN COUNTY CULTURAL SERVICES COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 26th, 2022 9:30 am – 11 am
Manzanita Room
Marin Center, 10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael 94903**

Roll Call

Present: Chair Ann Dickson, Helen Willms, Lauren Howard, Marge Bartolini, Oshalla Dee Marcus, Ernie Bergman, Jennifer Wechsler

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

Absent: Al Boro, Madeline Nieto-Hope

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ann Dickson called meeting to order at 9:34am

REVIEW AGENDA

Calicchio will add a Facilities Update to the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the **September 28th** 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 advised that when Department of Cultural Services posts park closure notices for events, they be specific as to which portion of the grounds will be closed.

Bill Hale also announced that he had filed a formal complaint regarding lighting at Lagoon Park.

CHAIR REPORT

Dickson announced C. Owen has resigned from the Commission effective immediately. The Commissions Office has already posted the District 1 vacancy. Recruitment closes on November 4th.

Recapped the unveiling of public art project in Terra Linda which shares a message of equity and justice. Received coverage in local media and Channel 7 News.

Public Comment

None.

**PRESENTATION OF SHOWCASE THEATER SEATING, OFFICE RENOVATION AND
SHOWCASE THEATER BATHROOM RENOVATION**

– Paul Swallow, DPW & Richard Parker, 450 Architects (15 minutes)

Showcase Theater seating will be replaced along with all surfaces. ADA modifications will be added.

Theater Restroom project is being done in conjunction with the Theater Seating project. ADA ramp into the bathroom area will be addressed.

Office renovation will include structural changes and upgraded electrical systems.

Richard Parker of 450 Architects will be designing the office renovation, focusing primarily on health and safety issues. Approach will address interior tenant improvement, daylight exposure, mechanical, electrical & plumbing systems, structural engineering, office furniture and landscape architecture.

Questions/Comments

Seismic work is now complete, the scope of these projects will focus on ADA and aesthetics. All projects will begin after the 2023 fair.

Public Comment

None.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Introduction of Steve Dow, Deputy Director of Cultural Services. Introduction of all Cultural Services Commissioners.

ArtChangeUs wrap up

Executive Leaders in the Arts have been receiving training through ArtChangeUS to learn how to take a collective impact approach to changing the arts sectors approach to DEI. The prior two days included training for board members of local arts organizations.

Cultural Commission & MCA purpose/mission

The County has hired Kyle Clausen as a consultant to analyze the purpose and mission of the Cultural Commission and the MCA and to make recommendations regarding an Arts Council.

Update on 2023 Marin County Fair

The theme of the fair is "Electrifying;" creative to come soon. Offers out to Ziggy Marley, Melissa Etheridge, and Chris Isaak. Secondary offers to Third Eye Blind and The Mavericks. None have been confirmed. Red Barn Productions will add coordinating the food vendors to their list of responsibilities for 2023.

Public Comment

Bill Hale recommends commissioners refrain from using "Reply All" to adhere to Brown Act.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Exhibits & Programs (L. Garrison)
On October 13th, we celebrated the 60th Anniversary Celebration of the opening of the Administration wing of the Civic Center. The celebratory event featured vintage cars, custom cake in the shape of the building and a screening of *Gattaca*. More than 800 people attended.
- Marin City 80 exhibits close November 1st. The next exhibit in the Bartolini Gallery will be a group show from the Marin Photography Club with a special section focusing on the Civic Center to continue the 60th Anniversary celebrations. The Civic Center galleries will showcase an exhibit called Convergence from the Edge with artists from Gallery Route One in Pt. Reyes Station.
- Poet Laureate / Poetry Out Loud (L. Howard)
Poetry Out Loud County Finals on February 12th in the Showcase Theater.
- Veterans' Affairs (E. Bergman)
Wheelchair regatta has been canceled due to COVID. November 5th Talk to a Veteran event from 9am-12pm at Novato Chamber of Commerce. November 10th is the US Marine Corps birthday. November 11th at 4pm is Veterans' Day festivities at Marin Center to include a free lunch and entertainment. \$12 for civilians, free for veterans and active duty military.

Public Comment

Bill Hale recommends using "BCC" when communicating with commissioners to adhere to the Brown Act.

IDENTIFY AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Look at new slate of officers for approval
- The January meeting will be a facilitated session exploring the mission and purpose of the Cultural Commission

ADJOURNED

Chair Dickson adjourned the meeting at 11:17am. Moved/Second: Bergman / Howard