



# Memorandum

**TO:** COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**FROM:** Nanci Klein

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** September 12, 2022

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**SUBJECT: ARTS COMMISSION FY 2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT AND  
FY 2022-2023 WORK PLAN**

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Recommend that the Community and Economic Development Committee approve the Arts Commission Annual Report for FY 2021-2022 and Work Plan for FY 2022-2023 in order to comply with the City Municipal code pertaining to Boards and Commissions.

## **OUTCOME**

With the approval of these priorities for FY 2022-2023, the Arts Commission will continue its work related to advising on matters pertaining to arts and culture to the City Council and the Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA), a division of the Office of Economic Development and Cultural Affairs (OEDCA). As a result of this work plan, the Commission helps shape the City's policies related to the arts, arts grants, cultural facilities, outdoor special events, public art and creative placemaking and advises on the implementation of *Cultural Connection: San Jose's Cultural Plan* with the community.

## **BACKGROUND**

Under section 2.08.850 of the Municipal Code, the Arts Commission's nonexclusive functions, powers, and duties are to:

- A. Encourage the full artistic life of the City's culturally diverse community and the beautification of the City.
- B. Advise the Council on all matters affecting the arts and the beauty of the City, including the development, organization and operation of municipal arts programs and facilities.

C. Establish an effective liaison between the City and arts organizations, assess the needs of arts organizations and recommend to the Council measures to promote the strength and cultural diversity of arts organizations.

D. Advise the Council on appropriate policies and procedures for the distribution of City funding for the arts and make recommendations to the Council respecting grants and other funding to arts organizations.

E. Advise the Council in coordination with appropriate Boards and Commissions on all matters related to public art, including the acquisition and placement of works of art as well as the maintenance, removal, relocation, or alteration of existing works of art in the City's possession, and perform all duties with respect to the Art in Public Places Program as provided in Title 22 of this Code.

F. Examine every two years the condition of the City's works of art and report to the Council with recommendations for their care, maintenance, and improvement.

G. Render advice and assistance in the fields of art, aesthetics and beautification to other City Boards and commissions.

H. Establish an effective liaison and cooperation between the City's arts programs and the programs of adjacent communities, the county, the region, the state, and the nation.

The Arts Commission convenes regular monthly meetings ten times per year; no meetings are held in the months of July and December. The Commission has two standing committees, the Executive Committee, and the Public Art Committee, both of which are regularly scheduled to meet six times per year on alternating months.

## **ANALYSIS**

Throughout FY 2021-2022, all Boards and Commissions continued to convene using remote technology. FY 2021-2022 was a productive year for the Arts Commission in advising on matters pertaining to the arts and culture as detailed on the attached FY 2021-2022 Annual Report.

Among the Arts Commission's key activities in FY 2021-2022 included:

- Reviewed and took action to recommend that the City deaccess and remove the *Thomas Fallon Statue*;
- Reviewed and approved an artist selection panel's recommendation for the 2022 Creative License Ambassadors;

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- Received reports on FY 2022-2023 budget process;
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved the recommendations for 114 Operating, take pART and Festival, Parade, and Celebration Grant Program awards for FY 2022-2023;
- Reviewed and approved the revisions to the Cornerstone of the Arts Guidelines;
- Advised on projects and initiatives of the Public Art Programs; and
- Selected the 2022 Cornerstone of the Arts Honorees, who will be recognized at an event on October 21, 2022, at the Hammer Theater Center.

The Cultural Affairs staff worked with the Arts Commission to develop the FY 2021-2022 Annual Report and FY 2022-2023 Work Plan. The FY 2021-2022 Annual Report and FY 2022-2023 Work Plan were approved by the full Arts Commission at its meeting on August 15, 2022.

/s/

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**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Arts Commission FY 2021-2022 Annual Report

Attachment B: Arts Commission FY 2022-2023 Work Plan