



Memorandum

TO: COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

FROM: Nanci Klein

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: September 14, 2021

Approved

Date:

9/15/2021

**SUBJECT: ARTS COMMISSION FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021 ANNUAL REPORT AND
FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 WORK PLAN**

RECOMMENDATION

Accept and approve the Arts Commission annual report for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 and work plan for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 in order to comply with the City Municipal Code pertaining to boards and commissions.

OUTCOME

With the approval of these priorities for Fiscal Year (FY) 2021-2022, 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 José'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

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, all City boards and commissions continue to conduct meetings virtually. Even with this adjustment, FY 2020-2021 was still a productive year for the Arts Commission to continue its role of advising the Council on matters pertaining to the arts and culture as detailed on the attached FY 2020-2021 Annual Report. Notably, the Arts Commission continued to steward implementation of *Cultural Connection: San José's Cultural Plan* adopted by the Council on February 1, 2011.

The Arts Commission's key activities in FY 2020-2021 included:

- Received reports on FY 2021-2022 budget process and related Budget messages;
- Received, reviewed, and discussed Coronavirus Relief Funds for grant programs;
- Reviewed, discussed, and approved the recommendations for the following grant programs:
 - Arts Operating grants
 - Take pART grants
 - Festival, Parade, and Celebration grants
- Advised on projects and initiatives of the Public Art Programs; and
- Selected the 2021 Cornerstone of the Arts Honorees, who are recognized at an event recognizing the contributions of the arts community. The 2021 Cornerstone of the Arts event is currently planned to take place on October 8, 2021 at the Hammer Theater Center.

The Cultural Affairs staff has worked with the Arts Commission to develop the FY 2020-2021 annual report (Attachment A) and FY 2021-2022 work plan (Attachment B). The FY 2020-2021 annual report and FY 2021-2022 work plan were approved by the full Arts Commission at its meeting on August 16, 2021.

/s/

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For more information or questions, please contact Kerry Adams Hapner, Director of Cultural Affairs, at (408) 793-4333.

Attachments

Attachment A: Arts Commission FY 2020-2021 Annual Report

Attachment B: Arts Commission FY 2021-2022 Work Plan