

**CITY OF REDLANDS
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
Special Meeting of March 27, 2023**

MINUTES

Present: Daniel Gohman, Vice Chair Margo Mullen, Chair (excused)
Daniel Rodriguez
Danielle Giudici Wallis
Kelly McGrail
Dennis Christensen
Jina Imani

Council Liaison: Jenna Guzman-Lowery

RUSD Liaison: Jim O'Neill

Staff: Joseph Bierma

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE:** Vice-Chair Gohman called the meeting to order at 4:01p.m.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
No public comment
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. January 9, 2023, Regular Meeting – Vice-Chair Gohman motioned to approve, Commissioner McGrail seconded, motion passed 6-0
 - B. February 2, 2023, Special Meeting – Vice- Chair Gohman motioned to approve, Commissioner McGrail seconded, motion passed 6-0
4. **STATUS REPORTS**
 - A. *City Council Liaison Report* – Upcoming meeting with staff to check on status of master plan.
 - B. *RUSD Liaison report* – The RUSD liaison was absent from this meeting.
 - C. *Staff Liaison report* – Talking to another firm to update our standard drawings for the art pads to be able to secure the art on loan pieces. Meeting with them this coming Wednesday to hear what they can do for us and get a quote. Hope to have drawings in three weeks.
5. **PRESENTATION -**
 - A. Presentation by Christos Hardt, Miller Architecture – LuxView Redlands Apartments
 - a. 18 acres, 328 units. The developer has elected to add public art. This will go on the corner of Alabama and Orange Tree Lane. The sculpture reflects an orange tree with angles to reflect the bicycle culture in Redlands. The sculpture will be patinaed. Mr. Hardt is the architect and designer of this piece. Will be fabricated locally.
6. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Discussion and Possible action related to approval of the Public Art at the LuxView Redlands Apartments Project.

- a. Commissioner Christensen motioned to approve, Commissioner Rodriguez seconded, motion passed 6-0.
- B. Discussion and possible action related to approval of the Public Art at the Traditions Housing Development Project
 - a. Housing developers were looking for a local artist to create the piece of art for them. Will most likely be using John Luebtow for the sculpture. This will be a direct purchase by the developers. Commissioners McGrail and Giudici Wallis asked about using the Arts Connection to connect local artists to developers. City staff will add a link on the Cultural Arts Commission website. Commissioner Giudici Wallis motioned, Vice-Chair Gohman seconded, motion passed 6-0.

7. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding review and revisions to Commissioners' tasks list
 - a. Commissioner Giudici Wallis shared that the State of California's Creative Core is being released through Arts Connection and has a list of tasks that include environmental – could we bring this to the City Council to ask to apply for this funding for the environmental art garden. Funds are coming through the state and various organizations are re-distributing/granting the funds.
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding review and updates to Commissioners' subcommittee list
 - a. No updates
- C. Individual Commissioner reports
 - a. Commissioner Christensen gave an update on LaFarge Plaza sculpture: done back in 1985 just before commission was formed. Called the artist in Hawaii the other day to get in touch with the property manager. We need to find a way to acquire that since it was one of the first works of art done through a proposal to the city. Would be nice to find a prominent place in the city (maybe City Hall) and have a dedication.
- D. Discussion and possible action related to approval of the Request for Proposal for the development of an Arts and Culture Master Plan
 - a. Pages 19 and 21 of RFP have extra notes in case the consultant needs them. Summary scope of work recommendations – these are suggestions from the commissioners to help guide consultants. City is asking commission to put forth guiding principles (5-10) to give the consultant goals that can be delivered on. Commissioner Christensen comments how the Art Commission was established in 1986 and 37 years later we still don't have a master plan. The idea to do this came out of the planning of the general plan. The strategic plan does include public art. Also, one thing not clear in the RFP is the importance of performing arts. Commissioner Giudici Wallis mentioned that one top priority should be to have shared working art space in the city. Looking at the list, some of these are things we're doing already – so shouldn't be included in the meat of the proposal. Recommend having a dedicated City staff employee that can work on grants and grant writing. Vice-chair Gohman gave the opinion that the art commission should not have a say on the art located on private property. Commissioner Christensen recommends that we also have a fee for public art. City would like to have goals by the end of this week/early next week. Commissioner Rodriguez asked if this list was recently created by staff in-house or is it a list the commission put together. Commissioner Christensen replied he put the list together.

8. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

- Future Acquisitions
- Proposed Mural from Commissioner Rodriguez

9. ADJOURNMENT TO REGULAR MEETING: MAY 8, 2023, 4:00 PM, COUNCIL CHAMBERS.

The commission adjourned the meeting at 4:50 pm.