

# Town of Yountville

6550 Yount Street  
Yountville, CA 94599



## Meeting Minutes – Final

**Monday, July 1, 2024**

**4:00 PM**

**Town Council Chambers**

### **Yountville Arts Commission**

***Ronda Schaer, Chair***  
***Cynthia Kapjian, Vice Chair***  
***Noel Resnick, Commissioner***  
***Judy Meredith, Commissioner***  
***Geoffrey Leigh, Commissioner***  
***PJ Hudson, Commissioner***  
***Marita Dorenbecher, Commissioner***

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order at 4 PM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 7 Chair Ronda Schaer, Vice Chair Cynthia Kapjian, Commissioner Noel Resnick, Commissioner Geoffrey Leigh, Commissioner Judy Meredith, Commissioner PJ Hudson, Commissioner Marita Dorenbecher

**Absent:** None

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was held.

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Commissioner Leigh, seconded by Commissioner Dorenbecher to Adopt the Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

**AYES:** 7; Chair Schaer, Vice Chair Kapjian, Commissioner Resnick, Commissioner Leigh, Commissioner Meredith, Commissioner Hudson, Commissioner Dorenbecher

**NOES:** 0

**ABSTAIN:** 0

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**A** Minutes from the June 3, 2024 Yountville Arts Commission Meeting for Review and Approval

A motion was made by Commissioner Leigh, seconded by Commissioner Dorenbecher to Minutes from the June 3, 2024 Yountville Arts Commission Meeting for Review and Approval. The motion carried by the following vote:

**AYES:** 7; Chair Schaer, Vice Chair Kapjian, Commissioner Resnick, Commissioner Leigh, Commissioner Meredith, Commissioner Hudson, Commissioner Dorenbecher

**NOES:** 0

**ABSTAIN:** 0

Chair Schaer requested several corrections be made to the minutes for accuracy and clarity.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

Members of the public are entitled to speak for 3-minutes per speaker on matters of municipal concern not on the agenda, during consideration of that portion of the meeting agenda entitled "Public Comment" when that item is called by the Chair. However, the Chair has the discretion to limit speaking time when it is reasonable under the circumstances, including when there are many items on the agenda or a high volume of members of the public who intend to speak. The Chair also has the discretion to extend the time to speak. The Chair shall limit or extend speaking time in a consistent manner that is not based on the content or viewpoint of the speech. The Commission may; however, briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by the public, ask for clarification from staff, refer the matter to staff, request staff to report back on the matter, or request staff to place the matter on a future agenda.

Members of the public may also submit public comment on matters not on the agenda via email at [PublicComment@yville.com](mailto:PublicComment@yville.com). Please use the subject title "Public Comment to YAC."

None recieved.

## 7. ADMINSTRATIVE ITEMS

- A. Updates from Town Manager Brad Raulston
- B. Introduction of Recreation Coordinator Nyah McWilliams

## 8. ART WALK SUBCOMMITTEE

Other Notes:

The Loveland, CO *Sculpture in the Park* is Friday, Saturday & Sunday August 9, 10, 11.

An emergency meeting could be called to approve a sculpture and have it shipped right from the show as we did last year. If needed, an emergency meeting would be on Sunday August 11.

Chair Schaer provided the update. She will be traveling to Loveland, CO in August and there is the possibility that a special meeting may need to be held if a new piece is acquired.

## 9. GALLERY SUBCOMMITTEE

### Upcoming Shows

**Frank Trozzo "Imagine That...The Art of Frank Trozzo" August 8 – September 29**

**Pamela Anderson "Emotive Color: Vineyards & Beyond" October 3 – November 29**

**Youth Exhibit December 5 – January 3**

**Mustard Celebration January 16 or 23 – March 28**

### A. "Wright From The Heart" Gallery Show Proposal for Review and Approval

Vice Chair Kapjian presented the updated.

A motion was made by Commissioner Resnick, seconded by Commissioner Dorenbecher to Freeform. The motion carried by the following vote:

**AYES:** 7; Chair Schaer, Vice Chair Kapjian, Commissioner Resnick, Commissioner Leigh, Commissioner Meredith, Commissioner Hudson, Commissioner Dorenbecher

**NOES:** 0

**ABSTAIN:** 0

## 10. LITERARY SUBCOMMITTEE

1. The review committee (Geoffrey Leigh, Myrna David, Rebecca Simon, and Joan Osterman) have been reviewing the 22 stories already submitted. More have gone out for review and the final batch will be distributed this week some time, now that the deadline of June 28th has passed. We will hold our celebration event on September 26th in the Heritage Room from 5:30-7:00 pm.

2. Our 3rd Handwritten Out Loud event was held on Sunday, June 9th from 4:00-6:00 pm. The event once again was sold out with a diverse group of poems, stories, and a song presented. We ended up with 16 presenters, although two were not able to make it that afternoon. A desire for additional events persists, but a future date has not been set.

3. The 3rd Writing Celebration has been scheduled for January 14th, 2025, through March 25th, with a final celebratory evening on April 8th. We have begun informing potential participants of the opportunity to read, discuss, and use writing prompts to inspire writings by the participants. For this class, we will use Geoffrey

Leigh's second novel, *The Catalyst Coalition*. He is donating copies of the book for those who choose to participate.

4. Plans continue to move forward with the Rex Pickett Event, scheduled for Thursday, August 29th. PJ is working on Merlot and Pinot Noir donations to be poured at the event. If you have any suggestions or could make contacts for possible donations, please let her know.

Commission Leigh provided the update and noted the Bookmark Stories contest submission deadline has passed. Review is underway and winner and honorable mentions are being evaluated for the September celebration. 22 bookmarks have been received.

Handwritten Outloud was sold out. There is discussion about holding another event but a date has not been set.

Commissioner Hudson provided an update about the Rex Pickett event. Wine sponsors are still needed. Ticket sales are currently underway.

## **11. MARKETING AND PR SUBCOMMITTEE**

- 65°/57° Magazine Summer Edition –
  - Chris Cammarata - Feature story
  - Art of the Stroll - Art Walk Feature story
- FAM Tour Andrea Stuart - 65°/57° Magazine Friday June 28 *Dog Friendly Yountville* story
- Photos and video for AS&S delivered to YAC
- Filming at PRIDE kick-off Gallery Show for updated Yountville Pride Video

Commissioner Resnick provided the update.

Commissioner Dorenbecher is making progress on the history of the Yountville Arts Commission project, including interviews with the six original commissioners.

She provided an update on Art, Sip & Stroll marketing efforts.

## **12. PERFORMING ARTS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Legacy Roundtable Series: We have recruited three bartenders for the mixology event on July 11th. Though we typically have 4 presenters, we will stick with three, as the program will be slightly more involved since they will each be mixing a craft cocktail at each table.

For the Author event on 10/17, our cup runneth over and we have FIVE authors who have agreed to participate! This puts us in good stead in case anyone bows out last minute.

We are still exploring an Artist event for 9/5 and will determine soon if this is feasible.

Commissioner Meredith provided an update. Note, the Artist event for 9/5 has been canceled.

The Scarecrow contest will return in the fall. More details to come.

Planning is underway for the Yountville Days Parade.

**13. MUSTARD CELEBRATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

Chair Schaer provided an update and there will be a Napa Valley Mustard meeting in the middle of July. There is also a meeting with the Yountville Chamber of Commerce on July 31.

**14. ART, SIP & STROLL UPDATE**

Art, Sip & Stroll has a meeting planned for July 15.

**15. STAFF INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

**16. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / REPORTS**

Other Updates: Open Studios will have two artists, Frank Trozzo and Michael Schaer, in the Plaza during the two weekends of September 21-22 and 28-29. Frank will keep the Gallery open on Sept 22, 28, & 29 as well as have his tent in the Plaza. It's my understanding that Yountville artists Andrea Cazares, Paul Youngman and Francine Knittle will also participate in their own home-studios giving Yountville a nice presence for the Open Studios event.

**17. ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Leigh, seconded by Vice Chair Kapjian to Adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** 7; Chair Schaer, Vice Chair Kapjian, Commissioner Resnick, Commissioner Leigh, Commissioner Meredith, Commissioner Hudson, Commissioner Dorenbecher

**NOES:** 0

**ABSTAIN:** 0

Adjourn to the Yountville Arts Commission Meeting Monday, August 5, 2024 at 4 PM being held in Town Council Chambers.

/s/ Samantha Holland

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Samantha Holland  
Parks and Recreation Director