

Town of Yountville

6550 Yount Street
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Meeting Minutes – Final

Monday, June 3, 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

2. ROLL CALL

Present: 5 Chair Ronda Schaer, Vice Chair Cynthia Kapjian, Commissioner Geoffrey Leigh, Commissioner Judy Meredith, Commissioner Marita Dorenbecher

Absent: 2 Commissioner Noel Resnick, Commissioner PJ Hudson

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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: 5; Chair Schaer, Vice Chair Kapjian, Commissioner Leigh, Commissioner Meredith, Commissioner Dorenbecher

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A Minutes from June 3, 2024 for Review and Approval

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

AYES: 4; Chair Schaer, Vice Chair Kapjian, Commissioner Leigh, Commissioner Dorenbecher

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 1 Commissioner Meredith

Correction will be made to the title of the sculpture to "Dancing Butterflies".

The May 6 minutes reflect an error in the date of the Mixologist Legacy Roundtable. At the meeting, it was stated the event will take place on July 17. The correct date is July 11.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA

None received.

7. ART FUND REPORT

A Art Fund Reports Ending April 2024

Parks and Recreation Director Holland presented the report. Chair Schaer inquired about where Art Walk funds are deposited. Director Holland clarified that it is added to general revenue.

8. ART WALK SUBCOMMITTEE

Chair Schaer presented the update. She provided the following information about the status of Art Walk pieces:

- 11 permanent
- 2 semi-permanent
- 6 expired
- 4 more to expire in 2024
- 13 more expiring 2025.

“Vows” is expiring in October. Artist Joshua Pass is interested in extending for a 6 month period.

Chair Schaer discussed the deteriorated condition of several sculptures in Town and how to best clean them to bring the sculpture back to life. Director Holland is in the process of working through a maintenance agreement for Artworks Foundry in Berkeley to clean sculptures, particularly “Chaos”.

Chair Schaer noted there have been a large number of Art Walk tour requests. Former Town Manager Steve Rogers and Jim MacDonald have agreed to give tours. Vice Chair will provide a tour informational packet to Steve and Jim.

The question was raised about how to charge for the tours. Currently, there is a \$25 per person suggested donation. Vice Chair Kapjian asked is there is a post-tour survey. “Adopt a Sculpture” and a gallery docent were mentioned and will be give consideration as staff capacity allows.

9. GALLERY SUBCOMMITTEE

- Chris Cammarata 5/9 – 8/2
- Frank Trozzo 8/8 – 9/27
- Pamela Anderson 10/3 – 11/29
- Youth Exhibit 12/5 – 1/3

Vice Chair Kapjian presented the report. The subcommittee is meeting to discuss the 2025 calendar. Chris Cammarata’s gallery show has been very successful.

10. LITERARY SUBCOMMITTEE

Commissioner Leigh presented the update. Bookmark stories are being accepted through Friday, June 28. There is a youth category as well as one for adults. The celebration will take place Sept 26, 2024 in the Heritage Room at the Community Center.

Improve classes have been moved to Yountville Parks and Recreation programming.

Writing Celebration held the event its celebration on May 28. There were 9 readers and about 20 people in attendance. The next Writers Celebration will start in January 2025.

Third annual Handwritten Outloud will be this weekend, June 9. 16 readers will participate in the garden area of Handwritten Wines.

The Chat Book at been distributed for the Art Walk. Copies are available at the Community Center.

Chair Schaer suggested adding a definition of “Ekphrastic” be added to future Chat Books.

“Author Talk” with Rex Pickett, author of Sideways, is schedule for August 29. Tickets are on sale now.

11. MARKETING AND PR SUBCOMMITTEE

A Marketing Subcommittee Report

Commissioner Dorenbecher provided the update as detailed in the report attached to the agenda item.

12. PERFORMING ARTS & OTHER EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE

- Pride Kick Off Event June 17, 2024

Commissioner Meredith presented the update. She noted they are seeking a forth author for the October Legacy Roundtable.

There is also a need for a mixologist for that particular roundtable.

The first Concert in the Park kicks on this Sunday, June 10. The Movies in the Park are all set for the summer season.

She suggested getting a flatbed truck for the Yountville Days Parade. The commission will meet to discuss at a later date.

The Gentleman Farmer Winery will participate in the Yountville Pride kickoff on June 17.

Commissioner Meredith will be pouring at Pride in the Park on June 23.

13. MUSTARD CELEBRATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Chair Schaer will circle back when she has more information.

14. ART, SIP & STROLL UPDATE

A Art, Sip and Stroll 2024 Recap

Director Holland provided a presentation to recap the event.

15. STAFF INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

Director Holland noted the new Recreation Coordinator Nhya McWilliams will be starting soon. She is a welcome addition to the Parks and Recreation team.

16. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / REPORTS

Chair Schaer asked Commissioner Leigh about the Friday Night Dances. They will continue and there is one scheduled June 21.

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: 5; Chair Schaer, Vice Chair Kapjian, Commissioner Leigh, Commissioner Meredith,
Commissioner Dorenbecher

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

Adjourn to the Yountville Arts Commission Meeting Monday, July 1, 2024 being held in Town Council Chambers.

/s/ Samantha Holland

Samantha Holland
Parks and Recreation Director

Date Approved: July 1, 2024