



**TOWN OF LOS GATOS
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION MEETING
April 17, 2019
Los Gatos Library Conference Room
100 Villa Avenue
LOS GATOS, CA 95030
4:00 p.m.**

*Ellis Wecker, Chair
Maureen Cappon-Javey, Vice Chair
Amy Fasnacht, Commissioner
Kristen Kovac, Commissioner
Michael Miller, Commissioner
Thomas Spilsbury, Commissioner
Ana Cismaru, Youth Commissioner*

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

REPORT FROM STAFF LIAISON

CONSENT ITEMS (TO BE ACTED UPON BY A SINGLE MOTION)

1. Approve Arts and Culture Commission Minutes of March 20, 2019.

OTHER BUSINESS (*Up to three minutes may be allotted to each speaker on any of the following items.*)

2. Review of the 2019/20 community grant application process and discussion of possible updates to the process that could be implemented in future years.
3. Discussion of Commission input and recommendations for the 2040 General Plan Update
4. Cancellation of the August 2019 regular meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission to create a summer recess.

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS (*Members of the public may address the Arts and Culture Commission on any matter that is not listed on the agenda. Unless additional time is authorized by the Arts and Cultural Commission, remarks shall be limited to three minutes.*)

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

ADJOURNMENT

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**DRAFT
MINUTES OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION MEETING
March 20, 2019**

The Arts and Culture Commission of the Town of Los Gatos conducted a Meeting on March 20, 2019, at 4:00 p.m.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 4:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Wecker, Vice-chair Cappon-Javey, Commissioner Fasnacht, Commissioner Kovac, Commissioner Spilsbury

Absent: Commissioner Miller, Youth Commissioner Cismaru

Also Present: Staff Liaison Baker, Laura Peak-Theuringer, Kimberly Snyder representing Los Gatos Museum Association (NUMU), Carol Tinsley representing Los Gatos High School New Millennium Foundation, Kelly Brezoczky representing Los Gatos High School New Millennium Foundation, Ginger McDonald representing Los Gatos Morning Rotary, Bill Parkin representing Los Gatos Morning Rotary, Kevin Hayashi representing Los Gatos Community Concert Association, John Lochner representing Los Gatos Veterans Memorial Foundation, Ginger T. McDonald representing Los Gatos Morning Rotary, Theresa Bricker representing Art Docents of Los Gatos, Julie Ferrario representing Art Docents of Los Gatos.

CONSENT ITEMS (TO BE ACTED UPON BY A SINGLE MOTION)

1. Approve Arts and Culture Commission Minutes of February 20, 2019.

Chair Wecker corrected the start time in recorded in the minutes to read 4:00 p.m. instead of 2:00 p.m.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Fasnacht to approve the minutes with corrections of February 20, 2019 meeting. **Seconded** by Commissioner Spilsbury.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

REPORT FROM STAFF LIAISON

Staff Liaison Baker provided an update on the selection consultant Keyser Marston Associates to conduct the Private Sector Requirement for Public Arts research and report, and an update on contacting the shortlisted Gateway artists and the willingness of the top three candidates to continue in the next round of the process.

PUBLIC HEARING (Appellants and their representatives may be allotted up to a total of ten minutes maximum for opening statements. Members of the public may be allotted up to three minutes to comment on any public hearing item. Appellants and their representatives may be allocated up to a total of five minutes maximum for closing statements. Items requested/recommended for continuance are subject to the Commission's consent at the meeting.

2. Consider the allocation of Community Grant funds for FY 2019/20, including:
 - a. Open and hold a public hearing;
 - b. Close public hearing;
 - c. Adopt a recommendation to the Town Council that it allocate \$20,000 for FY 2019/20 General Fund Arts, Cultural and Educational grants.

Chair Wecker opened the public hearing at 4:05 p.m.

Commissioner Cappon-Javey identified her role as Executive Director for the Los Gatos New Museum Association (NUMU) recused herself from the discussion as NUMU was one of the grant applicants being considered in the discussion.

Chair Wecker gave a brief overview of the process the grants subcommittee used to arrive at their recommendation and then invited all applicants to speak.

Representatives from the Los Gatos High School New Millennium Foundation gave an overview of their program as a non-profit to support school program needs outside of regular school funding including programs in robotics, engineering, music production and other areas through the means of secondary grants to teachers. This application asks for funding for a laser cutter and potter's wheels.

Representatives from Art Docents of Los Gatos gave an overview of their program to work with all students in the district as a 45-year running program. Recent programs include a logo contest, junior art docent program, big data art lessons for 6th graders that will featured as a TedX talk and a guest artist series at Daves and Lexington schools.

Representatives from Los Gatos Community Concerts gave an overview of their 71 year running program that consists of 4 concerts a year focused on senior communities that also sere as a social activity and opportunity for interaction between youth and seniors. They additionally offer free small performances for homebound seniors.

Representatives from Los Gatos Morning Rotary gave an overview of the planned Plein Aire art event with will include over 100 works on display and opportunities to meet the artists. They elaborated on loss of funding from other sources and explained that all monies raised from the event go to support organizations that support the arts.

Representatives from Los Gatos Veterans Memorial Foundation gave an overview of the memorial being constructed and the artist that designed it as well as Los Gatos residents that were on one of the downed planes on September 11th. They explained that pavers are for sale that can be engraved as a fundraiser and that the twenty thousand dollar grant request would be used for a celebration at the opening of the memorial.

Representatives from NUMU gave an overview on their organization which has been running since 1965 and in its present location since 2015. They explained that their grant application supports a museum explorer program for grades K-5 that has been running for 9 years with 700 parent and student participants and that they would like to increase the number to 3500 participants. Their second application would focus on increased showings from their permanent collection at the museum.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Spilsbury to close the Public Hearing. **Seconded by Commissioner Fasnacht.**

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Kovac to approve the recommendation of the Grants Subcommittee as presented in the staff report (Recorded as \$3000 for Art Docents of Los Gatos, \$4000 for Los Gatos Community Concert Association, \$3000 for Los Gatos High School New Millennium Foundation, \$4000 for Los Gatos Morning Rotary Plein Air, \$6000 for Los Gatos Museum Association, for a total of \$20,000 in grant funding).

Seconded by Commissioner Spilsbury.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS *(Up to three minutes may be allotted to each speaker on any of the following items.)*

3. Presentation on the Town's 2040 General Plan Update

Staff Liaison Baker gave an overview presentation on the 2040 General Plan including the public input website. Instructions were given to Commissioners to begin thinking about issues for discussion at the next meeting of the Commission.

COMMISSIONER REPORTS

None

VERBAL COMMUNICATIONS *(Members of the public may address the Arts and Culture Commission on any matter that is not listed on the agenda. Unless additional time is authorized by the Arts and Cultural Commission, remarks shall be limited to three minutes.)*

None

ADJOURNMENT – 5:16 p.m.

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the March 20, 2019 meeting as approved by the Arts and Culture Commission.

Ryan Baker, Library Director