

**CITY OF FOLSOM
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
MARCH 14, 2024
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Arts and Culture Commission meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. with Chair Maribel Wyatt presiding.

2. ROLL CALL:

Commission Members Present: Marc Allaman, Commissioner
Kat Bahry, Vice-Chair
Shivesh Sinha, Commissioner
Chad Vander Veen, Commissioner
Lucinda Winward, Commissioner
Maribel Wyatt, Chair

Commission Members Absent: Jacob Cantu, Commissioner

Staff Present/Speaking: Tom Hellmann, Community & Cultural Services Manager
Cindy Abraham, Recreation Coordinator

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A. January 11, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

Motion by Commissioner Lucinda Winward, second by Commissioner Chad VanderVeen to approve the Meeting Minutes of January 11, 2024. The motion carried with the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner(s): Allaman, Bahry, Sinha, Vander Veen, Winward, Wyatt
NOES: Commissioner(s): None
ABSENT: Commissioner(s): Cantu
ABSTAIN: Commissioner(s): None

5. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:

Lorraine Poggione was present in chambers and spoke about the Folsom Takes Action initiative which is made up of citizens of Folsom to help address the revenue issues of the city. She spoke about the objective of the citizen's initiative and the current goal of obtaining the signatures required to get the tax initiative on the ballot. A brochure was provided for anyone who wanted to obtain more information about the initiative.

6. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS:

A. Resolution of Commendation

A resolution of Commendation was presented to Cynthia Abraham. Chair Wyatt said kind words about Cynthia and her contributions over the last twenty-one years. The Resolution of Commendation was read aloud by Chair Wyatt. Cynthia's family was present in the chambers along with Sandy Hilton who hired her when she was hiring manager for the department. Tom Hellmann spoke about her accomplishments, contributions, and the impact she has had in our community. Tom presented her with an Award of Excellence – Parks Make Life Better coin.

7. DISCUSSION ITEM:

A. Placerville & Sacramento Valley Railroad and their historical and/or cultural significance to Folsom.

Community and Cultural Services Manager Tom Hellmann spoke briefly about the short report by Vice-Mayor Aquino in the last council meeting and that it looked to be favorable to continue to allow them to continue using the tracks and it would be for no longer than seven years. Commissioner Vander Veen suggested that the commission create a resolution to bring attention to the community. The commissioners discussed this and their desire to stay informed about this issue, as well as possibly have Placerville & Sacramento Valley Railroad (PSVRR) come present and then possibly move forward with future action/involvement on the subject.

8. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

A. Gallery at 48 Natoma Exhibit

Community and Cultural Services Manager, Tom Hellmann, mentioned that the current exhibit is "ABSTRACT IDEAS" which will run from February 16, 2024, through April 11, 2024, as well as the Community Gallery which will display Children's Art from the Folsom Art Center. Tom mentioned the renovations to the Gallery including fresh paint and new lighting.

Cynthia Abraham, Recreation Coordinator discussed the Gallery is already curated through 2025. Cynthia encouraged everyone to come and see the Gallery with its new lighting, fresh paint, and updated front landscape.

B. Manager's Report

Community and Cultural Services Manager, Tom Hellmann, provided a written report to the commission. Tom reviewed the items on his written report and updated the commission on upcoming events.

C. Johnny Cash Trail Funding Strategy

Community and Cultural Services Manager, Tom Hellmann, provided a written report to the commission regarding the Johnny Cash Trail Funding Strategy. Tom reviewed the items on his written report.

9. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Marc Allaman stated Cindy Abraham has shared her passion for the arts in Folsom for a long time, it's not just what she does it's who she is. Marc said Cindy is an advocate for the arts, she's made it a priority in Folsom and is serious and dogged about making sure we have the best possible art programs available representing the city for our

Folsom residents. Not only does Cindy talk the arts she lives the arts, it's part of who she is it's not just what she does and he wanted to recognize and thank her for that.

Commissioner Kat Bahry welcomed the visitors who were in the chambers and thanked them for coming. She said she doesn't know what she'll do without Cindy greeting her at the Gallery openings. She said Cindy has left a legacy and hopes that what she has brought to the city continues to flourish and that it inspires others to follow in her footsteps and will be forever grateful for what Cindy has brought to us.

Commissioner Jacob Cantu was absent.

Commissioner Shivesh Sinha said he learned from Cindy, that when she tells/talks about exhibits she does it with such excitement and he learned that it can't just be a process and that there are many forms of arts, and this was very enlightening. He thanked Cindy for everything and gave her best wishes.

Commissioner Chad Vander Veen reiterated what others said and told Cindy to enjoy her retirement.

Commissioner Lucinda Winward said that when she thinks about the commission she thinks about Cindy. She will miss Cindy being there for questions and how she has educated everyone. She appreciates Cindy and will always think about her when she drives by 48 Natoma.

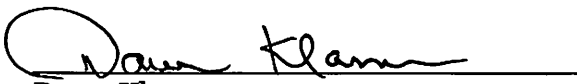
Commissioner Maribel Wyatt said Cindy has set high standards for a long time. She is proud of the work, the Gallery, and what Folsom brings in Arts and Culture. She appreciates that Cindy hand-picks art that is unexpected but is yet connected, she loves and appreciates it.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no more business brought before the Folsom Arts and Culture Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

ATTEST:



Dawn Klamm,
Administrative Assistant
Parks and Recreation Department



Maribel Wyatt, Chair