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**Minutes of a Meeting of the ARTS COMMISSION
Held June 28, 2023, in Room 488, 625 Fisgard St., Victoria, BC**

EP = Electronic Participation

Members Present: M. Alto (Chair); D. Cavens, D. Lajeunesse,

EP: P. Brent, S. Epp, G. Lemon, K. Roessingh, C. Smart

Staff: C. Gilpin, Manager, Arts & Culture Service; H. Heywood, Administrative Assistant (recorder)

Also present: S. Donaldson, Arts Advisory Council Funding Chair

Regrets: C. Plant; J. Verano (arriving late)

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

1 Territorial Acknowledgement

Chair Alto provided a Territorial Acknowledgement.

2 Approval of Agenda

**MOVED by Member Cavens, SECONDED by Member Smart
That the agenda be approved as circulated.**

3 Adoption of Minutes

**MOVED by Member Cavens, SECONDED by Member Lajeunesse,
That the minutes of the May 19, 2023, Arts Commission meeting be adopted.**

CARRIED

4 Chair's Remarks

Chair Alto commented on the Summit saying positive feedback about the event continues to be received by those who attended. It has created positive momentum for the Commission and confidence in the capacity of the Commission moving forward.

C. Gilpin and Chair Alto are scheduled to make a presentation to Langford's city council on July 17th and a report will be provided at the next Commission meeting on July 26th.

5 Presentations/Delegations – None

6. Commission Business

6.1 Arts Advisory Council Update

6.1.1 Arts Advisory Council (AAC) Chair's Report

6.1.2 Arts Advisory Council Minutes - June 13, 2023

6.1.3 Arts Advisory Council ABCs - June 13, 2023

By consensus members agreed to review items in 6.1 later in the Agenda, after the arrival of AAC Chair, J. Verano.

6.2 Manager's Report

C. Gilpin noted the Operating Grant application in-take for 2024 annual operating funding will open in mid-July. Multi-year Operating clients will be required to submit an interim report.

The 2022 Impact Report and the What We Heard Report are both underway and will be presented for review at the July 26th meeting.

The job competition has been completed and we look forward to welcoming our new Community Outreach Coordinator, Abby Gibbs, to the team tomorrow.

More details will be provided about the Strategic Planning process in Item 6.4.

6.3 2023 April Project Grant Recommendations

C. Gilpin noted there were 22 applications were received and one was deemed ineligible. Twenty-one applications were assessed and 20 are recommended for funding which is a 95% success rate. This is due in part to the increased budget over last year, as approved by the Arts Commission, and to the decisions made by the adjudication team.

Arts Advisory Council Funding Chair, S. Donaldson, was delighted to see a higher success rate than usual, due to the budget, and to the adjudication team that focused on distributing more funds to more organizations including rural applicants, while ensuring the grant levels didn't impede the success of the projects.

Members thanked the adjudication committee for their work and for the wide distribution of funds.

**MOVED by Member Cavens, SECONDED by Member Lajeunesse,
That The Arts Advisory Council recommends to the Arts Commission:**

That the 2023 April Project Grant recommendations be approved as presented.

CARRIED

6.4 Strategic Plan - Draft Mission and Vision Statements

C. Gilpin gave a power point presentation that provided a summary of public engagement activities, a draft Mission and Vision, a Commitment to Equity, and next steps. A What We Heard Report will be presented in July which will summarize all the engagement activities and present proposed goals and initiatives for the strategic plan.

C. Gilpin provided the rationale for the draft Vision and Mission statements being reviewed today.

AAC Chair, J. Verano, joined the meeting at 4:28pm.

Members discussed the development of the proposed wording and the inclusion of the commitment to equity. The Vision statement was amended resulting in the following statements:

Mission: Support, champion, and develop the arts.

Vision: The arts are key drivers of community vitality, economic sustainability, and quality of life across the region, and artists and arts organizations are thriving, resilient, and well-supported.

**MOVED by Member Lajeunesse, SECONDED by Member Roessingh,
That the updated Mission and Vision statements be approved as amended.**

CARRIED

It was noted that the commitment to equity will be part of the guiding principles which will be included in the Strategic Plan. This will be reviewed at the next Commission meeting on July 26th.

AAC Chair, J. Verano left the meeting at 4:38pm.

6.1 Arts Advisory Council Update

MOVED by Member Lajeunesse, SECONDED by Member Cavens to table Items in 6.1 to the July Arts Commission meeting.

CARRIED

7. New Business

7.1 Member Lajeunesse invited all members to the Sooke Fine Arts Show which will take place from July 29 - August 7th.

7.2 By consensus members agreed to extend the July 26th meeting to two hours, 4-6pm.

8. Correspondence - none

9. Adjournment

**MOVED by Member Lajeunesse, SECONDED by Member Roessingh
That the meeting be adjourned at 4:45 pm.**

CARRIED

CHAIR

RECORDER