



LODI ARTS COMMISSION

Hutchins Street Square – Pisano Room
125 South Hutchins Street, Lodi

SPECIAL MEETING

Date: May 10, 2023

Time: 4:00PM

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A. Call to Order/Roll Call

B. Minutes

B-1 Approve April 12, 2023 Minutes

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

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D. Action Items

D-1 Discuss and Approve State Route 99 and Turner Road Art Installation Project and Call to Artists

E. Regular Agenda Items

E-1 Discuss Traffic Control Box Art Project Updates

E-2 Discuss Installation and Creation of Murals within the Lodi Area

F. Comments by Arts Commission and Staff on Non-Agenda Items

G. Adjournment

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Jennifer Winn
Recreation Manager

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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
LODI ARTS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2023**

A. Call to Order/Roll Call

The regular meeting was called to order by Chair Nancy Mellor at 4:03 p.m.

Present: Chair Nancy Mellor, Commissioners Jateen Bhakta, Clare Bhakta, Geneva Mello, Cathy Metcalf, Kelli Perrault, and Hayley Johns

Absent: Commissioners Jesse Hanes and Xander Avila

PRCS Staff Present: PRCS Rec Manager Jennifer Winn, and PT PRCS Program Coordinator Tamatha Litfin

B. Minutes

B-1 Approve March 22, 2023 Minutes

Motion Requested by Commissioner Mellor to approve of the minutes with two corrections. Commissioner Johns moved and Commissioner Jateen Bhakta 2nd it. Approved 6-0 with Commissioner Metcalf abstaining since she wasn't at the last meeting.

C. Comments by Public on Non-Agenda Items

President of the Lodi Community Art Center, Patti Kennedy, addressed to the commission updating that they look forward to the World Art Day and the Art Hop that is scheduled. They have their kids event going on during that time, making seed paper art. There is also a reception during the Art Hop for their featured artist Rochelle Tietze. In May they have their Celebrate Lodi show and there is a \$5 entry fee. They also have their membership show coming up in July, photography show in October, and their small works show in December. Last week they had their Spring show and it went very well. She also let the commission know that there is a Kids' Corner on their website.

Clare Bhakta introduced Eeshika Bhakta, who is in the first grade to the commission. This is her first Lodi Arts Commission meeting.

D. Action Items

D-1 Discuss and Request Funds from Lodi Arts Foundation for Arbor Day 2023 Art Project Winners

Ms. Winn updated the commission that they have partnered with Tree Lodi in the past for their Arbor Day event regarding children's art contest for the event. The commission has judged the artwork in the past by a subcommittee. Chair Mellor stated that the Lodi Arts Foundation has already approved the funds. Commissioner Metcalf let everyone know that the contest submissions are from Lakewood School this year. It is closed to the public. She suggested having the subcommittee meet at Domus Management, 1610 W. Kettleman Ln, at 3:00 PM on April 13th. Chair Mellor requested a motion to request \$300 in funds for the Tree Lodi Children's art contest. Commissioner Metcalf motioned, Clare Bhakta 2nd it. Approved 7-0

D-2 Discuss and Approve Taco Truck Cook-Off Date and Sub-Committee

Ms. Winn let the commission know that the commission will discuss and approve the date for 2023 and put together a subcommittee for planning the event. Chair Mellor reminded everyone that the date has already been chosen and Commissioner Metcalf let everyone know that it is September 9th at Hale Park. She stated that she would really like to train someone to learn how the event works since she might be retiring in two years. The subcommittee will be Cathy Metcalf, Kelli Perrault, and Geneva Mello. Chair Mellor will attend to represent the Lodi Arts Foundation. Commissioner Perrault motioned to approve the date September 9, 2023 and subcommittee and Commissioner Johns 2nd it. Approved 7-0.

D-3 Review and Approve Proposed By-Law Changes

Ms. Winn explained to the commission that the commission needs to vote to approve date, time, & place that the commission meets for their meetings. This would mean keeping the 2nd Wednesday of the month but changing it to the 4:00 PM time slot. The new location would be at Hutchins Street Square since Carnegie Forum is not available at that time. Commissioner Clare Bhakta motioned to approve the changes. Commissioner Metcalf 2nd it. Approved 7-0.

D-4 Discuss and Select Sub-Committee for Arts Grants 2023/24

Ms. Winn explained that the Lodi Arts Commission is tasked with creating a subcommittee and reviewing Arts Grants applications each fiscal year. They are then to bring back recommendations to the city council for those grants to be approved and awarded. Ms. Litfin explained that the 2023-2024 fiscal year is now ready for applicants and the deadline for them will be June 15, 2023 since the last cycle was halved and pushed back. The Grant Sub-Committee will be Commissioner Metcalf, Commissioner Clare Bhakta, and Chair Mellor. Commissioner Perrault motioned to accept the new sub-committee, Commissioner Jateen Bhakta 2nd it. Approved 7-0.

E. Regular Agenda Items

E-1 Discuss Possible Unused Building or Room for Community Art Programming

Chair Mellor wanted the commissioners to consider finding an Artist's Maker Space. This would be an unused building in the community. Commissioner Metcalf asked who would pay the insurance and Ms. Winn stated that the city would probably not pay insurance even though they cover for certain events. Commissioner Mellor asked if there was a room available at Hutchins Street square that could be turned into an Artist's Makers Space and Ms. Winn explained that it wasn't feasible due to Hutchins being constantly used for classes, events, and private rentals. Commissioner Clare Bhakta inquired about the building at Legion Park and Ms. Winn said that might be a possibility. Ms. Winn even mentioned the former Parks and Rec building that is empty across from Hale Park on Stockton Street. These spaces would need to be refurbished and cleaned up. She also recommended taking it to the Parks and Rec Commission or forming a partnership with other arts groups. Chair Mellor proposed forming an informal sub-committee to explore finding a space and report their findings. Commissioner Clare Bhakta, Perrault, and Mello volunteered to be on the informal sub-committee.

F. Comments by Arts Commission and Staff on Non-Agenda Items

Ms. Winn let everyone know that anybody on the commission or any volunteers has been invited to the April 19, 2023 7:00 PM city council meeting for a Volunteer Appreciation night. She asked if anyone was able to attend to let her know by April 17th.

Commissioner Metcalf asked about the Bike Rack at Hutchins. Ms. Winn explained that it was rolled into the 2023-2024 budget year for capital improvement projects because some of the irrigation lines will have to be torn out and concrete poured to accommodate the project. Commissioner Metcalf also asked about the "Call to Artists" regarding the Traffic Boxes to be repainted. Ms. Litfin reminded everyone know that the Artist for Legion Park was going to paint and backed out last year. Commissioner Metcalf stated that she thought Turner and Sacramento, Cherokee and Lockeford, Hutchins and Vine along with Elm and Lower Sacramento still need repainted. She requested an updated "Call to Artists" to be re-issued along with putting it on the agenda for next month.

Chair Mellor asked about notification of the grant and Storm Drain Art recipients from the last meeting and Ms. Litfin updated the commission that she has contacted all of the Storm Drain Art award winners and still has yet to contact two of the grant award recipients but she will contact them later in the week.

Commissioner Perrault gave the Lodi Arts Foundation Report. She stated that Saturday from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM will be World Art Day and The Art Hop at the Veteran's Plaza. There will be twelve artists along with a band and a youth gallery. Also, an interactive art activity will be available which will be the spin art bike. A coffee cart will be available at the event. She also said that there is a fundraiser called "209 Gives" that is just getting kicked off. It is a new fundraiser. It will be added to social media and that it has a matching program up to \$1,500 for donations. They have also been doing more community outreach.

They attended the WOW Museums 5th Birthday and participated in a community canvas painting. They also did the same kind of community canvas painting at the Pacific Charter Institute Wellness and Resource Fair as community outreach.

Chair Mellor has requested that the Lodi Arts Foundation be added as a regular report item on the Agenda.

Commissioner Mello had a meeting on the Open Studio Tour that is targeted for October 2024. She said there is an Open Studio Tour for Stanislaus County this weekend if commissioners are interested in checking out their event.

Ms. Winn asked about Plein Aire painting and if anyone knows somebody that would like to do an event to please contact her. Patti Kennedy let her know that she would get in touch with her.

Commissioner Clare Bhakta would like to have more information put out to Lodi Schools and asked about Peach Tree. Ms. Winn explained that it is not free but the Lodi Arts Foundation can pay to have an add put onto their site. Commissioner Clare Bhakta said she might know someone in the district that with enough leeway time the announcement can be put out without paying. She will look into that.

G. Adjournment by Chair Mellor – 5:11 PM

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LODI ARTS COMMISSION COMMUNICATION

TO: Lodi Arts Commission DATE OF MEETING: May 10, 2022
FROM: Jennifer Winn, Recreation Manager
SUBJ: Discuss State Route 99 and Turner Road Art Installation Project and Approve Call to Artists

TYPE ACTION NEEDED: Discuss and Approve

PREPARED BY: Jennifer Winn, Recreation Manager

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discuss State Route 99 and Turner Road Art Installation Project and Approve Call to Artists

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Lodi City Council appropriated up to \$500,000 for an art installation at State Route 99 and Turner Road at its April 20, 2022 meeting. Lodi's cultural history will be celebrated through an art installation for citizens and visitors as they enter the city. There are many benefits to an art installation including its location in a public atmosphere (not confined to a museum or building), its enrichment to the city's streetscapes, lends itself to civic engagement, provides artists with professional opportunities, may boost local economy by creating an attraction to visitors, shows an investment to the city by celebrating Lodi's livability and love-ability boosting community pride, and will connect neighbors through a shared history. The Arts Commission would engage artists to commission the work.

A capital project is planned to make interchange improvements at State Route 99 and Turner Road that will include construction of a round-a-bout, widening of Cherokee Lane, bike lanes and sidewalk installation. The art installation project will be located within the newly constructed round-a-bout. Construction is anticipated to begin summer 2023.

Staff request the Commission approve a Call to Artists to seek conceptual design proposals for the artwork. Proposals will then be brought back to the Commission. The selection of the artwork will be a public process through publicly noticed Lodi Arts Commission meetings. Upon selection of an artwork, the City shall enter into a contract to obtain details of the concept including the following.

- Plan view – artwork's relationship to immediate environment
- Elevation view – intended physical appearance, scale and form
- Image view – to show important details and/or surface treatments
- Photo simulation
- Timeline and schedules
- Budget estimates

Funding Consideration or Impact: Up to \$500,000 for entirety of project

Lodi Arts Commission Call to Artists Sculpture Project at State Route 99 & Turner

Lodi Arts Commission is seeking artists to design and create an aesthetically pleasing sculpture at State Route 99 and Turner in Lodi. The piece must reflect Lodi and its surrounding area.

The Lodi Arts Commission envisions the placement of art into the natural environment and public realm of the city, to contribute to the city's cultural heritage, artistic vibrancy and reputation as a destination for arts and culture tourism.

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The proposed site for sculpture is:

State Route 99 and Turner Road. The area is TBA and the piece must fit the parameters.

The selection panel is open to a wide range of ideas that keep with area of Lodi theme, but there are several fundamental goals for the project that the selected artists should keep in mind while designing artwork for the site, these include the importance of:

- Must be an exterior durable, a low maintenance material
- Must reflect the agriculture of Lodi in some way
- Must have a high aesthetic merit
- Be a structure that will weather the elements
- Overall safety of the design with no sharp edges
- Low degree of future maintenance of the work
- All supplies shall be provided by the artist

- The artist is responsible for completion of the installation
- Art work design, fabrication and installation shall adhere to Caltrans' Transportation Art Guidelines for Local Agencies. Requirement information may be found at this website: [Transportation Art Guidelines for Local Agencies | Caltrans](#)

Submit conceptual design(s) on 8.5" x 11" paper. The conceptual design(s) shall be accompanied with a written explanation of the proposal which should be typed in plain 12-point font.

In addition, submit a single-page artist's statement of interest noting relevant experience with similar projects and your conceptual approach for the process to complete the project. The statement is to also include information on prior similar public art projects with pictures and references as well as proposer's art resume.

Submissions are to be submitted to Hutchins Street Square, 125 S. Hutchins St. Lodi, CA 95240.

If you need additional information, please email Tamatha Litfin, Program Coordinator, at tlitfin@lodi.gov.

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LODI ARTS COMMISSION COMMUNICATION

TO: Lodi Arts Commission
FROM: Jennifer Winn, Recreation Manager
SUBJ: Traffic Control Box Art Project Updates

DATE OF MEETING: May 10, 2022

TYPE ACTION NEEDED: Discussion
PREPARED BY: Jennifer Winn, Recreation Manager
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive update on Traffic Control Box Art Projects

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Lodi Arts Commission through AiPP funds has an on-going project of painting traffic control boxes throughout the city. Public Works has limited the number of boxes that can be painted.

In an effort to maintain those boxes, the commission continually identifies boxes where paint is fading or requires maintenance. At each meeting, the commission will identify new boxes to be repainted and discuss the status of repainted boxes.

FUNDING CONSIDERATION OR IMPACT: \$400.00 per utility box re-painted from AiPP funds

LODI ARTS COMMISSION COMMUNICATION

TO: Lodi Arts Commission DATE OF MEETING: May 10, 2022
FROM: Jennifer Winn, Recreation Manager
SUBJ: Discuss Installation and Creation of Murals within the Lodi Area

TYPE ACTION NEEDED: Discussion
PREPARED BY: Jennifer Winn, Recreation Manager
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discuss Installation and Creation of Murals within the Lodi Area

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Lodi has a number of wall murals that represent Lodi's history. All of them enhance Lodi's appeal to local residents as well as visitors. Several residents of Lodi have expressed an interest in putting up more murals in Lodi, either with possible private sponsorship or with funding from Lodi Arts Commission with Art in Public Places funds.

A new mural, funded by Art in Public Places was dedicated in 2022. It is in excellent condition. A large group of murals painted directly on walls by the Walldogs group can be found between Church and Washington Streets. Most of them need to be touched up or repainted.

One mural, entitled Chataqua and painted on plywood, was removed from the site now occupied by Oxford Kitchen and is in storage at Kirstens' barn. The mural should be placed on a wall.

One mural was approved for a long wall (or possibly two long walls) at English Oaks Common Park. It was to be made of glass tesserae by residents of Lodi under the direction of former Commissioner Mark Hamilton. Some equipment was purchased for the mural, a design was proposed, and the project was put on hold indefinitely.

A resident of Lodi approached the Arts Commission informally regarding painting a mural on the north side of the long wall of the police station. Inquiries have been made regarding the ownership of the wall as well as who would give permission to have a mural painted on it. The project is potentially large and would be ideal for a community-painted mural.

The Lodi Fire Auxiliary is in the process of fundraising for a mural to be painted on the side of the old fire station that is located in the Heritage District. A presentation about the proposed mural was made by Fire Auxiliary members in December 2022, this project is headed by the Auxiliary.

A Lodi Arts Grant was recently approved for Child and Family Services for a mural to be placed in its parking lot on Pine Street. Work has not yet begun on that project, which will probably be a "community-paint" project. Two wall murals were removed from Lodi in the past two or three years.

It is recommended that Staff and the Arts Commission discuss the status of Lodi's local murals with the intention of repairing the existing murals and furthering the creation of new ones in Lodi.