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Kuna Arts Commission Meeting

AGENDA

Thursday October 08, 2020

12:05 PM – 1:05 PM Regular Meeting (Virtual)

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1. *Call to Order and Roll Call*

2. *Minutes:*

Kuna Arts Commission Regular Meeting Minutes September 10, 2020 **ACTION ITEM**

3. *Business:*

Discussion on the Digital Art Gallery – Vice Chair Rippy

4. *Reports:*

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5. *Set Items for Next Agenda*

6. *Adjournment:*

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FRIENDS OF THE COMMISSION:

Cassandra Joan Artukovich (Operations Manager for a nonprofit organization Jesse Tree and Star Belly School of Dance Instructor)
Tom Matus (Master artist, instructor, author, and owner of TMDECOY).

2. Minutes:

(Timestamp 00:00:30)

Kuna Arts Commission Regular Meeting Minutes July 09, 2020 **ACTION ITEM**

Vice Chair Rippy moved to approve July 09, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Chair Seamons. Motion carried 3-0.

3. *Business:*

A. Consideration to approve membership Kuna Arts Commission of Tom Matus - Master artist, instructor, author, and owner of TMDECOY. **ACTION ITEM** – The Commission
(Timestamp 0:01:40)

- Chair Seamons welcomed Tom Matus, the Commission, and friends of the Commission. Chair Seamons thanked all who joined the meeting and asked Mr. Matus to introduce himself to the Commission.
- Mr. Matus greeted the Commission and provided the following letters of support; one from John M. Hruby of Rosenberg, Texas and the other from Lance Hebdon of Nampa, Idaho. Both of these gentlemen have received instruction, guidance, and worked hands on with Mr. Matus.
- Also, available for the Commission’s review was Mr. Matus’ resume in which he gave a brief history and highlighted some of his artistic achievements. Mr. Matus authored two published how to books on carving decoys, received three National Endowment of the Arts grants and four Idaho Arts council Traditional Arts grants.
- Mr. Matus stated he would like to bring a fresh perspective to the Commission by sharing his talent, experience, and passion for art. If given the opportunity, Mr. Matus would like to team up with Commission members and “Help the Community Grow Beautifully through the Arts”.
- The Commission stated they would be delighted to have Mr. Matus join the Commission.
- At this time guidance and direction from the city’s perspective was given by City Clerk Chris Engels. The Commission’s motion to recommend membership to Tom Matus would be taken to Mayor Stear for review. After which, a resolution would be brought before Mayor Stear and City Council for consideration at the next City Council Meeting. Ms. Engels explained, in the meantime, Mr. Matus’ participation was welcomed and encouraged by the Commission.

Vice Chair Rippy moved to recommend Mr. Matus as a member of the Kuna Arts Commission. Seconded by Commissioner Woods. Motion carried 3-0.

B. Vice Chair Rippy would like to discuss Ms. Artukovich’s goal of bringing dance to Kuna by means of virtual presents. **ACTION ITEM** – Vice Chair Rippy
(Timestamp 0:06:55)

- Vice Chair Rippy initiated the conversation by stating the benefits Ms. Artukovich’s chosen form of virtual presence will have on the community. An example Vice Chair Rippy gave was the fact the community would be able to participate and at the same

time respect present-day social distancing guidelines, bring awareness to Kuna, and help the Community enjoy various forms of art in Kuna.

- The Commission agreed with Vice Chair Rippy and felt the form Ms. Artukovich had chosen to bring the art of dance to Kuna was in line with the Commission's goal to "Help the Community Grow Beautifully through the Arts".
- The Commission supported Ms. Artukovich's efforts in creating a dance video featuring beloved Kuna landmarks and emphasizing different styles of dance seen in Kuna; be it belly dancing, hip hop, jazz or country swing.
- A short video clip of Ms. Artukovich performing Raqs Sharki, a form of belly dance, at Beri Fisher Park was played by City Clerk Chris Engels with the intent of giving the Commission an example of the quality and length of video to be submitted by those who would like to participate in her public art project.
- Commissioner Woods asked to whom shall the Commission direct interested participants. It was discussed and decided by the Commission that Ms. Artukovich would take lead, give direction, and be the point of contact for interested participants.
- Attached for the Commission's reference was Ms. Artukovich's modified proposal in which Ms. Artukovich reiterates the fact that there are no added expenditures. This entire project could be done without any financial contributions, if that was what needed to happen. Ms. Artukovich stated she was excited to work with the Commission and would keep the Commission informed as her proposed public art project took shape.

The Commission all agreed Ms. Artukovich take the lead and be the point of contact for her project. Ms. Artukovich will keep the Commission informed as her project takes shape. The Commission will continue to be of support to Ms. Artukovich and provide contacts and assistance as needed. No formal vote taken.

C. Kuna Arts Commission proposal for public Art Project and suggested guidelines.

ACTION ITEM – Vice Chair Rippy.

(Timestamp 0:29:40)

- Vice Chair Rippy started the discussion by referencing the form of virtual presence Ms. Artukovich had chosen for her public art project. Vice Chair Rippy stated, not only was Ms. Artukovich's chosen form a great way to bring the art of dance to Kuna, it was a beautiful and opportune way of providing art in all its various forms to the community during this present-day pandemic.
- Vice Chair Rippy intended to use a similar form for her proposed public art project, a Digital Art Gallery. The intent of the Digital Art Gallery was to provide others with the ability to view, discuss, and contribute art. Attached were Vice Chair Rippy's recommendations and suggested guidelines.

- The Commission agreed they would move forward with Vice Chair Rippy's proposal of a Digital Art Gallery. The Commission would take action steps towards the proposed Digital Art Gallery by researching social media outlets including YouTube, Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook. The Commission's research was to include the accessibility, storage capabilities, and cost associated with the above online social media outlets.
- City Clerk Chris Engels would inquire and inform the Commission of the City's capabilities as far as social media outlets.
- The Commission gave direction Vice Chair Rippy has permission to move forward with the Digital Art Gallery project. The Commission agreed to support Vice Chair Rippy's project.

4. Reports:

(Timestamp 0:41:55)

Chair Seamons informed the Commission she had a few metal pieces for the metal tree art project gathered from the community. Chair Seamons stated she would like to gather more metal items and asked the Commission to bring in any items they had by October 31, 2020.

City Clerk Chris Engels informed the Commission she would support Chair Seamons by having City Staff and commission members attend the K-Town Flea Market Saturday October 3, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. to look for and purchase reflective metal items needed for the metal tree art project.

Chair Seamons and City Staff Member Stephanie Morfin volunteered to attend the K-Town Flea Market October 3, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

City Clerk Chris Engels notified the Commission City Staff Parks Coordinator Jesse Morfin, who was also an experienced welder, had also gathered metal items for the project.

The Commission agreed they had enough metal items for Mr. Morfin to begin working on the Downtown Metal Tree Collage art project.

Chair Seamons update the Commission on the Poetry Project. Chair Seamons spoke with the Kuna Library. The Kuna Library agreed and had designated a wall within the library to display the Poetry Project including a flyer with tear off tabs.

Ms. Engels agreed to support the Commission by posting pictures of the display to social media outlets.

Ms. Morfin agreed to take pictures of the display for social media reference.

Commissioner Woods updated the Commission regarding the Commission's Senior Project Letter. Commissioner Woods stated the letter intended for that year's Kuna High School seniors was received and approved by Kuna High School Principal Brian Graves. Mr. Graves sent the letter to Kuna High School senior advisers. Kuna High School senior advisers were ready to distribute the letter to interested Kuna High School students.

Ms. Engels updated the Commission regarding the Modern-Day Totem. The piece had been donated and the City was still looking for where to place the donated piece.

Ms. Engels updated the Commission on the Interactive Tractor Piece Creative wraps had begun work on with the goal of a patriotic theme. A place had been designated in the grassy area in front of City Hall. The Parks Department started development of the grassy area. The City started working on the history of the tractor for the informational plaque that would be designed to bring the piece to life.

5. *Set Items for Next Agenda*

6. *Adjournment: 12:53 PM*

Chair Seamons moved to adjourn at 12:53 PM. Seconded by Vice Chair Rippy. Motion carried 3-0-1. Second Vice Chair vacant.

Catherine Seamons, Chair

ATTEST:

DebAnn Rippy, Vice Chair

Minutes prepared by Stephanie Morfin, Customer Service
Date Approved: October 08, 2020