

**CITY OF SONOMA
CULTURAL & FINE ARTS COMMISSION
City Hall Conference Room, The Plaza, Sonoma CA**

**June 26, 2014
MINUTES**

Call to Order – Chair Carlsson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Carlsson, Cravens, Kuhry, Ontko, Personette, Ransom, and Schertz

Absent: Sheridan

Also Present: Assistant City Manager/City Clerk Johann

Public Communications – Chair Carlsson reported what a pleasure it had been to present the Student Art award to Maya Harris at the Sonoma Valley High School Senior Award ceremony. She said it was a great opportunity to get the word out about the Commissions Student Award program. She also got to see the Merit Award winner, Siena Guerrazzi, give a speech at the Justin Siena graduation.

Minutes of the March 27, 2014 Meeting – Approved by unanimous consensus.

Selection of Chair and Vice Chair – Chair Carlsson stated it had been a pleasure to serve as Chair this past year. She asked if anyone was willing to step up and volunteer to be the Chair. Seeing there were no volunteers she agreed to remain the Chair on the condition that the issue would be revisited in six months. By unanimous consensus the Commission determined that Carlsson and Ontko would remain the Chair and Vice-Chair.

Participation in the 4th of July Parade – Commissioner Ransom stated that arrangements had been made for the 2013 Treasure Artist David Aguilar to be in the parade. Commissioner Kuhry stated that all the past Treasure Artists had been invited to be in the parade as Grand Marshals. Commissioners discussed ideas for participation and it was decided that those that could, would walk as escorts with the vehicle carrying the Treasure Artist. Chair Carlsson stated she would look into obtaining matching t-shirts with the Commission logo on them for Commissioners to wear.

Offer of Donated Sculpture – Chair Carlsson reported that a renowned sculpture artist had offered to donate one of his sculptures to the City of Sonoma because of his fondness of the town. She displayed pictures of the proposed gift and other works done by the artist and added that money would need to be raised for the moving expense and for a concrete base. Commissioner Kuhry stated that the proposed modern sculpture was unsuitable for the historic Plaza area. Other Commissioners agreed and a discussion was held regarding other possible locations that would be suitable. Commissioners Schertz and Ransom expressed concern that the sculpture resembled a play structure and children would be climbing all over it. Another concern expressed was that the artist had no history or connection with Sonoma. It was the consensus of the Commission that they would need to view the sculpture before making a final decision on whether to accept it or not. Chair Carlsson said she would find out if that would be possible. If the sculpture was available for viewing the Commission agreed to hold a special meeting on July 17 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the donation again. If unable to view it, Chair Carlsson would contact the artist and decline his offer.

Commissioner Remarks – Commissioner Personette reported that a Farmers Market vendor had been parking his trailer on the artistic bike rack pad in the Plaza and thanked Clerk Johann for making contact with the Market manager who in turn told the vendor he could no longer park his trailer in that location.

Future Agenda Items – July 17 (tentative) – Donated Sculpture. September 25: Treasure Artist Selection and Student Art Award program. Commissioners agreed to also meet on October 23 and December 4 (combined November & December meeting).

Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gay Johann
Assistant City Manager/City Clerk