

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
EXPLORE ELK GROVE  
TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2025**

**1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Aaryn Val at 6:07 p.m. with the following participants:

Present Committee Members: Vice Chair Aaryn Val  
Julee Cooper  
Pablo Espinoza  
Sally Guttridge  
Man Phan  
Brian Rickel

Absent Committee Members: Chair Brian Rickel  
Mike Mangonon

City Staff/ Presenters: Sara Rodrigues, Economic Development Analyst  
Darrell Doan, Economic Development Director  
Shelly Willis, Executive Director, Sacramento  
Metropolitan Arts Commission

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

- Agenda was approved. *(Phan/Guttridge) passed unanimously- Pablo was late and didn't vote on this item*

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

- a. Art Exploration - A member of the public made an introduction about providing programs for kids at risk

**4. APPROVAL OF PAST MEETING MINUTES**

- a. March minutes were approved. *(Phan/Guttridge) passed unanimously- Pablo was late and didn't vote on this item*

**5. REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS**

**a. Receive information for the Arts Program overview and update from Shelly Willis**

- i. Library Art – “Radiant Eddy” by Aaron Stephens – \$140,000
- ii. Old Town Plaza Art – “Hello, Goodbye” – \$65,000. Fabrication completed by 6/1/2025, Installation 6/15 – 7/1/2025
- iii. Zoo – Total of \$2.2 mil (Entry - \$900,000, Green Belt - \$550,00 & Play Area - \$320,000)

**6. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE**

**a. Staff liaison update**

- i. Commission email created to be used for communication with public: [artscreativeeconomy@elkgrovecity.org](mailto:artscreativeeconomy@elkgrovecity.org)
- ii. Norms and procedures will be revisited once the Chair is present at a future meeting
- iii. Doan confirmed the Arts and Creative Economy has \$10,000 budgeted (pending approval) but that other Economic Development funds could be used on a case-by-case basis
- iv. Rodrigues explained legal’s explanation of how items should be added to the agenda. Commissioners must bring items up during commission meetings and there must be a consensus to add them.

**b. Booth Opportunities**

- Rodrigues presented a list of upcoming booth opportunities for consideration. Other than Sundae Funday, the Commission opted to not commit to any additional opportunities at this time
- Cooper volunteered to attend the Festival of the Arts event on April 26<sup>th</sup> as a Arts and Creative Economy Commission representative

**c. Commission Volunteer Reception**

**April 28, 2025 | 5:30-7:30PM | District56**

- Rodrigues presented the item. Kristyn Nelson will send out information about this item. The Volunteer Reception is a business-casual event for networking with other commissioners and volunteers.

**d. Receive information and provide input on Sundae Funday**

**June 8, 2025 | 11AM-2PM | Old Town Plaza**

- Val suggested Explore Elk Grove take the lead on this.
- This item will be continued in the future to discuss more ideas.

**7. COMMISSION COMMENTS/FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**a. Future items**

- i. Elk Grove Mural Festival
- ii. Arts and Creative Economy Strategy Request for Proposal (RFP)
- iii. Other items at the request of the Commissioners
  - Elect Recorder- Guttridge resigned from position

**b. Commission Comments**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

- a.** The Elk Grove Arts and Creative Economy Commission Special Meeting of April 22, 2025, was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. *(Espinoza/Phan) passed unanimously*