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3 **ARTS COMMISSION**  
4 **MEETING MINUTES**  
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6 MILL VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER  
7 180 CAMINO ALTO  
8 MILL VALLEY, CA 94941  
9 TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022  
10 7:00 p.m.

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12 Coleen Byrne, Chair - present  
13 Farrah Spott, Vice Chair - present  
14 Nancy Elkus - present  
15 Lizelle Green - present  
16 Jeff Harris - present  
17 Victoria Mimiaga - present  
18 Jimmy Singer - present  
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21 **CALL TO ORDER**

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23 **ROLL CALL**

24 **Staff present:** Director McGrew, Supervisor Given, Supervisor De Ferrari, Assistant Buchholz,  
25 and Emeritus Commissioner Valentino.

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27 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA ORDER**  
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29 It was **MOVED** by **Vice Chair Spott** and **SECONDED** by **Commissioner Elkus** to Approve  
30 the Agenda Order. The Motion was carried by a 7 - 0 vote with **None** dissenting.

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32 **COMMISSION AND STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**  
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34 **Director McGrew** announced the Concerts in the Plaza selections:

35 **Saturday, September 10th**

36 Todd Morgan-Pop Rock  
37 Soji Odukogbe-Afro Pop  
38 Essence-Country/Folk  
39 Spike Sikes-Pop/Blues  
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41 **Sunday, September 11th**

42 Familiar Strangers-Western Swing/Country

43 Mari Mack and Livin Like Kings-R&B/Blues

44 Jerry Hannan Band-Country Rock/Pop

45 Shana Morrison & Caledonia-Country Rock/Pop

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47 **Chair Byrne** reported that Mill Valley Magazine has asked her to write an article for their June issue about summer arts in Mill Valley with the potential of doing ongoing monthly articles for them.

48 **Chair Byrne** reported the May ArtWalk was very well attended.

49 **Chair Byrne** reported the Chamber of Commerce has asked her to provide content for the Enjoy Mill Valley Guide.

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51 **PUBLIC OPEN TIME:** Persons wishing to address the Commission on subjects not on the agenda may do so at this time. State law prohibits Commission action on any item not listed on the agenda unless Commission determines that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the City's attention after the agenda was posted. Other items will generally be referred to staff or received as information. When addressing the Commission, please: 1) State your name and address; 2) Address the Chair; 3) State your views succinctly; 4) Avoid repetition; 5) Limit comments to 3 minutes. **Please note: The Chair will allow time for public comment on each agenda item.**

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53 **Chair Byrne** opened public open time

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55 Jan Gallo, Miller Ave. expressed her desire to see the return of the Paint Off.

56 Naima Dean, Miller Ave. She is involved in DEI Initiatives via MVFree and Spread Love, she will be attending the Arts Commission meetings to stay informed.

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58 **Chair Byrne** closed public open time

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60 **CONSENT CALENDAR:** The following items listed on the Consent Calendar to be considered routine and are approved by a single motion without discussion. The Chair or any member of the Commission or the public may request that any item listed under the Consent Calendar be removed and action taken separately. In the event that an item is removed from the Consent Calendar, it shall be considered in its numerical order.

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- 62 1. Consideration of the Minutes of the April 20, 2022 Regular Commission Meeting.  
63 Recommended Action: Approve the April 20, 2022 Regular Commission Meeting minutes.

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65 It was **MOVED** by **Vice Chair Spott** and **SECONDED** by **Commissioner Green** to Approve the Consent Calendar. The Motion was carried by a 7 - 0 vote with **None** dissenting.

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67 **RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND COMMISSION REPORTS**

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86 2. Comedy in the Plaza Review. Recommended Action: Receive Information and Discuss  
87 Information

88 **Emeritus Commissioner Valentino** reported the request to close Miller Ave during the event  
89 has been approved. The stage set-up will be repositioned this year to allow for a larger space for  
90 audience. Plump Jack and Sophia James have donated wine for the after-event dinner that  
91 D'Angelo's is hosting. Famous 4 has also donated \$300 of merchandise to each comedian.

92 **Chair Byrne** stated that historically the Arts Commissioners have walked the Memorial Day  
93 Parade route and/or attended the Pancake Breakfast downtown to pass out Comedy in the Plaza  
94 postcards. She encouraged Arts Commissioners that will be attending these events to do so this  
95 year.

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97 3. Public Art Projects Committee or Staff Updates. Recommended Action: Receive and  
98 Discuss Information and Direct Committee and/or Staff as Necessary.

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100 a. Rotating Art on the Plaza

101 **Vice Chair Spott** reported Valentin Popov was present for the May ArtWalk and will be back in  
102 June as well. The July Plaza Art artist was also present.

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104 b. Activate the Plaza

105 **Chair Byrne** reported on the 2 Free Arts Commission events that will be happening in May on  
106 the Plaza:

107 Starduster Orchestra 5/15

108 Silent Disco 5/20

109 **Chair Byrne** stated she is looking into the possibility of doing Knitting events on the Plaza and  
110 at the Lumber Yard to inspire people to knit pieces for Knitting Us Together. Kiddo will be  
111 helping on this project again this year, and **Chair Byrne** will be reaching out to the people who  
112 contributed to the event last year to get them involved.

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114 4. Arts Commission Fiscal Year 21/22 Budget Review. Recommended Action: Receive  
115 Information and Discuss Information.

116 **Supervisor De Ferrari** reviewed the overview of the Commission's FY 21/22 budget.

117 **Director McGrew** stated \$500 of the remaining \$1,500 could be used to pay the July Plaza Art  
118 artist's stipend, which would allow for \$700 cushion for last minute unknowns.

119 **Commissioner Singer** asked if the budget spending is a use it or lose it situation.

120 **Director McGrew** reported that is the case. Department budgets are submitted to Finance and  
121 the Council every 2 years; once approved he will bring it to the Commission for review.

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123 **NEW BUSINESS**

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125 5. Evolution of the First Tuesday ArtWalk Discussion. Recommended Action: Receive and  
126 Discuss Information and Consider Changes.

127 **Chair Byrne** stated she would like to form a committee to discuss ideas and then come back to  
128 the Commission with suggestions that will include feedback from the ArtWalk venues and the  
129 Chamber of Commerce. A few possible ideas would be to change the date from the first Tuesday  
130 to the first Friday as suggested by the Chamber and a few participating venues and to look at  
131 including other types of "art" into the ArtWalks; music, pop up art shows, etc...

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132 **Commissioner Elkus, Commissioner Mimiaga, and Commissioner Singer** volunteered to  
133 serve on this committee.

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135 Sheryl Hogan, Seminary Dr. suggested holding art auctions as part of the ArtWalk

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137 **STAFF AND COMMISSION REQUESTS AND IDEAS FOR DISCUSSION**

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139 **Chair Byrne** requested a review of upcoming Calls for Artwork

140 **Commissioner Elkus** requested a review of the Commission's priority project of holding a  
141 Fundraiser

142 **Commissioner Singer** requested a report from the ArtWalk Committee.  
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144 **ADJOURNMENT** – To the next Regular Commission meeting, which will be held on Tuesday,  
145 June 14, 2022 at 7:00pm at The Mill Valley Community Center, 180 Camino Alto, Mill Valley,  
146 CA 94941.

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148 It was **MOVED** by **Chair Byrne** to Adjourn the meeting. The Motion was carried by a 7 - 0 vote  
149 with **None** dissenting.

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