Downtown San Rafael Arts District Steering Committee Bylaws

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About DSRAD

The Downtown San Rafael Arts District (DSRAD) collaborates

with local arts leaders, businesses, city officials, and community members to create a vibrant and engaging environment that promotes well-being, equity, and inclusivity through the arts. The DSRAD endeavors to provide access to world-class arts and culture education and experiences for everyone in San Rafael, and values serving all members of the community; Embracing the arts to build inclusive community relationships and dialogue to confront and address pressing social and economic issues; Engaging the historically under-served and marginalized populations in our community to promote greater equity and diversity; and creating a welcoming and innovative downtown community anchored and unified by a thriving arts and culture scene.

Committee Mission Statement

The Committee exists to foster unity through the arts, supporting arts and culture as a key economic contributor to the health and quality of life in San Rafael, and championing community access to and participation in arts and cultural activities.

Membership

- Membership is open to individuals designated by nonprofit arts organizations or entities within the Downtown San Rafael Precise Plan area or within a 5 minute walk of the Plan boundary
- An "arts organization" is defined as a group, nonprofit, or entity producing, presenting, or promoting the arts, encompassing all visual and performing arts.
- The Committee shall consist of no more than 12 members, with no more than one representative from a single organization or entity.
- Members are required to attend monthly meetings and actively participate in at least one subcommittee.
- New member organizations will be appointed for a 12 month period.
- Each organization on the Steering Committee will designate one representative to represent the organization, subject at all times to approval of the Steering Committee.

Meetings

- The Committee shall convene monthly to discuss funding allocations, programming, and other relevant matters.
- A quorum shall be established with the presence of at least two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the current membership.

Decisions shall be made by consensus or, if necessary, by a majority vote of those
present at a duly called meeting at which a quorum is present..

Subcommittees

- Subcommittees may be established to focus on specific areas such as funding, programming, outreach, and other relevant topics.
- All Committee members are expected to serve on at least one subcommittee, contributing their expertise and efforts to the district's initiatives.

Roles and Responsibilities

- The Chairperson shall preside over meetings, set agendas, and represent the Committee in external matters.
- The Secretary shall maintain records of meetings, decisions, and correspondence.
- Members shall actively participate in meetings, contribute to subcommittees, and support the Committee's mission and activities.
- Attend at least one 90-minute meeting per month and volunteer for some non-meeting time contributions.

Amendments

• These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (%) vote of the current Committee membership. (2/3 vote of the current committee membership is needed to amend)

Figure 1: Downtown Precise Plan Area

