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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

Monday, April 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

VIA TELECONFERENCE

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Any person wishing to speak to the Arts and Culture Commission on any of these matters is invited to participate via teleconference as described above.

The City encourages submission of written comments in advance to the Arts and Culture Commission via email to aorologas@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us prior to the meeting or by contacting the staff liaison listed above.

7:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

- 1. ROLL CALL** – Chair Courtney Helion; Vice Chair Alan Pavlosky; Members: Allison Cooper, George Gager, Ann Wiens
- 2. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**
- 3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
Remarks are typically limited to three minutes per person, and may be on anything within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body. Remarks on non-agenda items will be heard first; remarks on agenda items will be heard at the time the item is discussed.
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Consider approval of the minutes of the March 28, 2022 meeting. (Attachment)
- 5. 601 LEXINGTON AVENUE DEVELOPMENT ARTWORK PRESENTATION**
Receive a presentation from Owner/Developer Erica Meeks, Vice President of the Dischnica Company, LLC and Artist Ron Holthuysen, Scientific Art Studio.

6. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT – MINI GRANT PROGRAM

For discussion and possible action, consider request for support from applicant Angela Brandt from Fairmont Elementary School regarding Peace Cranes for Ukraine Art Project at City Hall (Attachment)

7. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT – STORYWALK INSTALLATION

For discussion and possible action, consider request for support from Julia Dragolovich & Katy Buder from the Contra Costa County El Cerrito Library regarding the installation of a StoryWalk along the Ohlone Greenway (Attachment)

8. AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Discussion and possible action:

- a. Workplan & Mini Grant Subcommittee (Cooper, Helion)
- b. Community Outreach & Marketing Subcommittee (Gager, Wiens)
- c. Centennial Park Mural Project Subcommittee (Weins, Helion)

9. UPCOMING ACC-SPONSORED EVENTS

Discussion and possible action on possible upcoming ACC-sponsored events.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

11. ADJOURNMENT

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Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the members regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at www.el-cerrito.org/acc.



DRAFT MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

Monday, March 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Staff Liaison

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1. **ROLL CALL – ROLL CALL** – Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. **Present:** Chair Cooper; Members: Courtney Helion, Alan Pavlosky; **Absent:** Members: Ann Wiens (excused), George Gager (unexcused).

2. **COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**
 Chair Cooper reported an update of ACC Workplan presentation to the City Council, and an upcoming proposal for a Mini Grant funding program.

 Staff Liaison Orologas reported an update on Utility Box Art CFA and announced upcoming city wide garage sale in early May.

3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
 None.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Moved/Second: Member Pavlosky/Member Helion **Action:** Motion to approve February 28, 2022 meeting minutes with one amendment. **Ayes:** Chair Cooper; Members Pavlosky and Helion. **Noes:** None. Minutes approved.

5. **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR**
 Chair Cooper nominated Member Helion as the new Chair.
Moved/Second: Chair Cooper/Member Pavlosky **Action:** Motion to approve nomination of Member Helion as Chair. **Ayes:** Chair Cooper; Members Pavlosky and Helion. **Noes:** None. Motion approved.
 Chair Helion nominated Member Pavlosky as Vice Chair.
Moved/Second: Chair Helion/Member Cooper **Action:** Motion to approve nomination of Member Pavlosky as Vice Chair. **Ayes:** Chair Helion; Members Cooper and Pavlosky. **Noes:** None. Motion approved.

6. **BUDGET UPDATE**
 Staff Liaison Orologas reported a brief overview of the Public Art Fund balance of \$186,911.51 including the contribution of \$32,411.15 from 1715 Elm Street development.

7. **REQUEST FOR SUPPORT – FOURTH OF JULY/WORLD-ONE FESTIVAL**

Received a presentation from Recreation Director Chris Jones, worldOne Festival producer Corey Mason, and Councilmember Fadelli.

Moved/Second: Chair Helion/Vice Chair Pavlosky **Action:** Motion to approve \$20,000.00 to support and sponsor 2022 El Cerrito 4th of July/worldOne Festival.

Ayes: Chair Helion; Vice Chair Pavlosky, and Member Cooper. **Noes:** None. Motion approved.

Public comments:

John Stashik – spoke in favor of funding and supporting 4th of July/worldOne Festival.

8. AD-HOC SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

Discussion and possible action:

- a. Workplan & Mini Grant Subcommittee (Cooper, Helion) No updates
- b. Community Outreach & Marketing Subcommittee (Gager, Wiens) No updates
- c. Centennial Park Mural Project Subcommittee (Weins, Helion) No updates

9. UPCOMING ACC-SPONSORED EVENTS

None.

10. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Chalk Festival, Centennial Park Mural Project, Library collaboration, Utility Box Art.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Courtney Helion, Chair

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Arts and Culture Commission meeting of March 28, 2022, as approved by the Arts and Culture Commission.

Alexandra Orologas, Staff Liaison

Print

Arts & Culture Commission Support Application Form - Submission #18384

Date Submitted: 4/21/2022

Contact/Applicant Name: *

Angela Brandt

Organization Name (if applicable):*

Fairmont Elementary School

If none, type "n/a"

Contact Phone: *

[Redacted]

Contact Email:*

[Redacted]

Contact Address:*

[Redacted]

City/Zip*

El Cerrito

Location of proposed event/project: *

City Hall gallery space, 2nd Floor

Anticipated number of attendees? *

TBD

Date(s) & Time(s) of the event:*

TBD

Type of Support Requested:*

- Publicity
- Financial support
- Venue/Space

If financial support, how much are you asking from the ACC?

\$200

If venue/vpace, which spaces or venues would you like help procuring?

2nd floor City Hall

What is your basic budget, and how will it be spent? If you've received funding from ACC in the past, please indicate the history for how much you were awarded. If you're requesting more than you were awarded in the past, please provide justification for the increase. From where else will you receive support? You are welcome to include an additional sheet.

Origami Paper
String

Please upload your budget (if applicable)

Choose File No file chosen

Include project description here:*

Peace Cranes for Ukraine. Second graders of Fairmont Elementary, after reading Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes and learning about the Butterfly Effect in science, have developed an interactive art show for the people of our community to show our support for Ukraine. Students will design and create multiple panels of hanging Origami art for the gallery space at City Hall sending messages of peace, love, and hope to the children of Ukraine. Each origami crane will have a hand-written message from a child at Fairmont to a child in Ukraine, folded inside of it. The student messages will be printed out and framed at the displays. As members of the community visit the installation, they are invited to add to the creation by writing their own message on a slip of origami paper, before folding a crane (explicit instructions included) and paper clipping it to a blank display.

The panels will be a strip of recycled material pierced at even spaces with holes to string the strands of origami. The strands of origami will be slightly weighted, yet will have organic movement and motion when visitors move through the exhibit, contributing to the "Butterfly Effect" of the piece.

Each panel will be unique to a classroom/grade level so that students are free to personalize their message and design. Guest artists David Diamant and Robert Morgan will contribute to the show as well.

The Arts & Culture Commission cares about diverse audiences and environmental sustainability. Can you tell us how you will address those concerns?*

Yes. Fairmont is one of the most diverse elementary schools in the state of California, with over 30 languages and dialects spoken by our students. We are committed to inclusion, equity, and kindness. Over the last few years, our students have learned first-hand about racial and social justice, and combined with our variety of life experiences, we wish to stand with the children of Ukraine in solidarity for Peace in Ukraine. By writing messages of peace, hope, and love to the children of Ukraine we endeavor to positively affect change in the world.

Have you done a similar event or project before?*

Yes

No

If yes, 1) what worked well and 2) what would you do differently this time?

I've done about 30 projects like these. I think I have it down.

paid staff *

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If none, type "0".

volunteers*

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If none, type "0".

If applicable, load additional documents here:

Choose File

No file chosen

**Arts & Culture Commission Support
APPLICATION**

Contact/Applicant Name: Julia Dragolovich & Katy Buder

Organization Name (if applicable): El Cerrito Library - julia.dragolovich@library.cccounty.us

Contact Phone: (510) 558-0451 Contact Email: Julia.dragolovich@library.ccco

Contact Address/City/Zip: 6510 Stockton Ave, El Cerrito 94530

Location of proposed event/project: _____ Anticipated number of attendees?
Ohlone Greenway N/A

Date(s) & Time(s) of the event: Continuing Installation

REQUEST: Publicity Venue/Space Detail (please include the estimated cost)
We propose the installation of a StoryWalk along the
Ohlone Greenway ending at Stockton Ave.

Financial support – *If applicable, how much are you asking from the ACC?*
 \$ 18,580.00

What is your basic budget, and how will it be spent? If you've received funding from ACC in the past, please indicate the history for how much you were awarded. If you're requesting more than you were awarded in the past, please provide justification for the increase. From where else will you receive support? *You are welcome to include an additional sheet.*

We are requesting funds for the purchase and installation of 16 StoryWalk display
structures along the Ohlone Greenway. The display frames will be purchased from
Barking Dog Exhibits for \$4,921.00 and installed by Suarez & Munoz Construction, Inc at
the cost of \$13,659.00. Suarez & Munoz Construction is fully vetted by the City of El
Cerrito. Please see attached estimates from both companies.

We will request additional funds for the purchase of books from the Friends of the El
Cerrito Library.

The ACC previously funded the purchase and installation of new colorful outdoor lettering
for the library at the cost of \$662.70. The current proposal is for a completely different
project.

PLEASE COMPLETE PAGE 2

**Arts & Culture Commission Support
APPLICATION**

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: _____

A StoryWalk combines the joy of being outside with the wonder of reading (Photo 1).

Pages from a children's picture book will sequentially spaced along the Ohlone Greenway

in sturdy display structures. Folks can walk, bike, run, or skate from station to station

reading the book, making it an asset in keeping with the biking, walking, and transit

initiative of "Green El Cerrito." Books on the StoryWalk will be changed on a regular

schedule and every effort will be made to feature local authors/illustrators.

The library will partner with City and community organizations to include thematic

StoryWalks, such as Arbor Day, Bike to Work, and, Earth Day.

The StoryWalk will provide a space for the community to gather and share experiences.

The StoryWalk is an accessible installation which supports the ACC's goals of establishing art in public places and beautifying El Cerrito.

The Arts & Culture Commission cares about diverse audiences and environmental sustainability. Can you tell us how you will address those concerns? _____

By choosing children's picture books written by and about diverse communities and individuals, we will endeavor to share stories that mirror the population of El Cerrito.

Additionally, we would also like to broaden the community's perspective by including stories from around the world.

The StoryWalk itself is a permanent structure that has very little environmental impact while adding significantly to the common good of the community.

Have you done a similar event or project before? *If yes, 1) what worked well and 2) what would you do differently this time?* Yes No

We have put up several temporary StoryWalks made from poster board and wooden stakes (Photo 2).

They have been enthusiastically received by the community. However, the flimsy nature of

our homemade StoryWalks does not provide sustainability in the wind and rain. This labor

intensive undertaking does not allow us to frequently post StoryWalks. A permanent

StoryWalk along the Ohlone Greenway would facilitate easy rotation of stories and provide a sturdy, sustainable design despite the elements.

STAFF/PERSONNEL:

paid staff _____

volunteers _____

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SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA MATERIALS

REGULAR ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION MEETING
April 25, 2022

Agenda Item 3 – ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

1. Cordell Hindler

Agenda Item 6 – REQUEST FOR SUPPORT – MINI GRANT PROGRAM

1. Presentation

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Public Comments
Date: Monday, April 25, 2022 9:08:08 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: Cordell Hindler [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, April 25, 2022 8:59 PM
To: Alexandra Orologas <AOrologas@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us>
Subject: Public Comments

hello Alexandra, Here is what I was going to tell the Arts & Culture Commission

1. CROWNS the Musical Contra Costa Civic Theater Fridays- Saturdays 7:30 pm 40.00 dollars

Proof of Vaccination required

2. for a future agenda item, the Commission should consider changing the start time to 7:30 pm

Sincerely
Cordell

Peace Cranes for Ukraine

A children's peace project

By the
Diamond Dragons
Grade 2, Room 1
Fairmont Elementary



Who We Are

We are the Diamond Dragons, 2nd graders from room 1 at Fairmont Elementary School. We have a wide variety of cultures in our class!

Together, we speak

Saho, Arabic and a little bit Tagria-Naser, Arabic, Burbur, French-Walid and Arris, Tibetan-Nangsel, Japanese-Maya, Nepali- Grishma, Nikunj, Kushal, Yatharta, and we speak Nepali. Kushal: I also speak Navari. Brazilian Portuguese- Pedro. My name is Astrid and I speak Spanish, so does Emely, Maritza, Eliseo, Eliza, and Nicole. Elvin- my family is from China and I speak Mandarin.

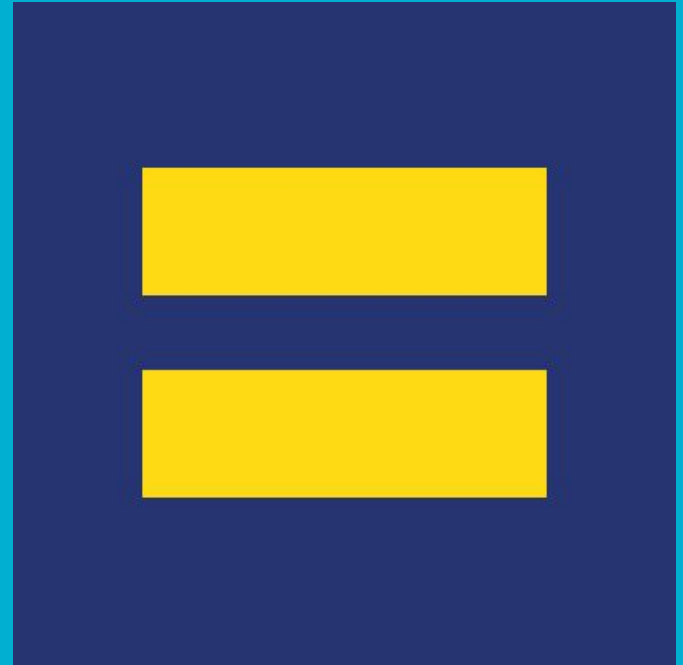
Even though we are from different places,
we believe in

Human Rights

Equity

Respect

for all.



Ukraine

Grishma- Russia and Ukraine are fighting over territory. Children are being hurt and killed and their lives are in danger.



Butterfly Effect

Kushal: We learned how everything is connected.
The Butterfly Effect means that even something as small and delicate as a butterfly flapping its wings, can have a big impact on the world.



[Artist David J Diamant](#)



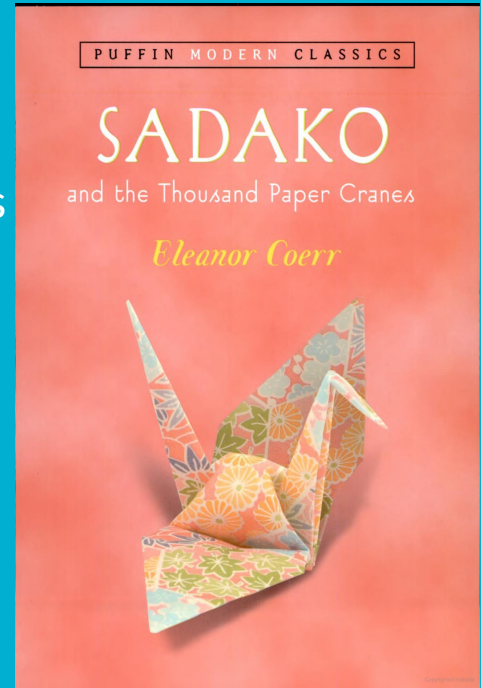
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes

Maya: Sadako suffered from leukemia from the Atomic bomb. She folded over 1,000 paper cranes for her wish to be free from her illness.



Inspiration

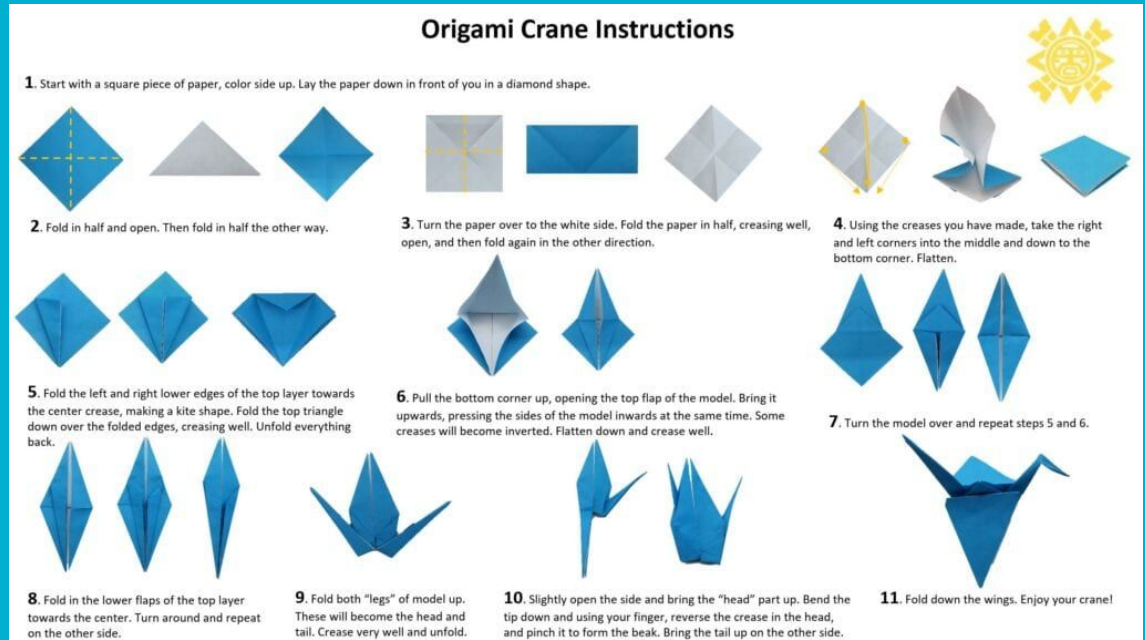
The story of Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes has inspired children all over the world to make messages of peace and send them to those who are suffering.



Children's Peace Project

We want to change the world by making it a more peaceful place.

We want to send messages of peace and hope to the Children of Ukraine.



Interactive Art

Rowan: We want to hang our panels of origami at City Hall. Each paper crane will have a hand written note of peace and hope for Ukraine. We think our cranes will move or “flutter” as visitors walk down the hall, too.



Collaborate

Franky: Several cranes will hang on each strand of fishing line, making the Ukrainian Flag. The cranes will be made with blue and yellow origami paper, like the colors on the Ukrainian flag.



Participate

We invite the community to participate in this Peace Project and will have

directions, paper and materials on hand.

We encourage you to include messages

of peace and hope from your cultures too!



Thank you!

We look forward to answering you questions and thank you for your time and effort.

Sincerely,

The Diamond Dragons

P.S. We also would like to suggest the creation of a Children's Art Council for the City of El Cerrito. How can we empower children within our community to act as cultural ambassadors for the expression of art?