



**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE
Arts and Culture Commission
Monday, September 23, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall – Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito**

(Approved on October 28, 2013)

Roll Call

Present: Chair Donovan, Commissioners Cazden, Danziger & Rand.

Absent: Commissioners Hawley and Zavala.

1. Council Liaison / Staff Liaison Report (including budget status) / Commissioners Reports

Councilmember Liaison Friedman reported on recent Council activity, including the issue of cell phone towers. He also said that he is on a Council subcommittee reviewing Boards and Commissions, including looking at issues regarding the Council liaison role.

Staff Liaison Iarla reported that Mr. Little will make a presentation about the ECHS Performing Arts theater in November and announced she had shared the District's Usage Policy with the Commission via email; She mentioned a number of upcoming events including "Alberrito Streets" and presentations at the October 1st Council meeting regarding Arts Month and the San Pablo avenue Public Art Project; She reported meeting with Annie Goodsill regarding her proposal for a mural at Canyon Trail Park; ECHS is seeking "Art Coaches" for a new program at that school;

Commissioner Danziger announced the upcoming ECAA Annual Art Show and Sale.

Commissioner Cazden announced the upcoming Friends of the El Cerrito Library book sales and also spoke about the "Readers Anonymous" monthly book club.

Commissioner Rand announced she had provided Liaison Iarla with a copy of correspondence from Geoffrey Gallegos with Kensington Symphony Orchestra regarding the ECHS Performing Arts Theater.

2. Comments from the Public

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved (Danziger/Donovan) to approve the minutes of the meeting of August 26, 2013.
Unanimous.

4. Update on Arts Month

There was a discussion about how to promote Arts Month, and various events including screening of Coast Modern, various events including El Cerrito Free Folk Concert and highlighting the San Pablo Avenue Public Art project, "12 Wind Sculptures". Commissioners provided staff with suggested edits to the Coast Modern flyer; Chair Donovan volunteered to review a draft of the walking tour guide.

5. Recycling Center “Artist in Residency” Program

Commissioner Rand would like the Commission to explore possibility of creating an “Artist in Residency” Program at the El Cerrito Recycling and Environmental Resource Center. She is planning to meet with staff at the Center. Commissioner Danziger volunteered to also attend the meeting. There was interest in considering the program. The discussion was continued to the next meeting.

6. Poet Laureate Program

This item was moved to the next meeting.

7. Arts Survey

Chair Donovan would like the Commission to explore possibility of conducting a survey to gather community input on the best use for the Public Art Fund monies. There was interest in the idea. The discussion was continued to the next meeting.

8. Items for Next Meeting/Future Meetings:

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the November meeting will be held on November 18th (not 25th)

- October: Informational presentation about ECHS Performing Arts Theater; Draft Arts & Culture Master Plan; Artist in Residency idea, Poet Laureate idea, Survey idea.
- November : Review of City Hall Gallery Space Proposals
- Future TBD: Rich Fowler’s Art Walk idea; Recycling and Environmental Resource Center Public Art Project

The meeting adjourned at 8pm

Arts & Culture Commission Budget Summary Report

Sep-13

FY13-14 ACC Budget (in City Management)			
<u>Item</u>	<u>Appropriated</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
FY2013-14 appropriation	\$3,000		
Free Folk Festival Support		(\$500)	
Coast Modern		(\$200)	
Current Balance		(\$700)	\$2,300

Public Art Fund				
<u>Date</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Anticipated Rev. (1)</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Balance</u>
8/26/2013	\$48,050.70	\$24,000		\$72,050.70

(1) Anticipated amount is 1% contribution for RERC project