



**MINUTES OF THE  
MEETING OF THE  
Arts and Culture Commission  
Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.  
El Cerrito City Hall – Hillside Conference Room  
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito**

**Approved June 24, 2013**

**Roll Call**

Commissioners Cazden, Hawley, Danziger, Rand and Zavala were present. Commissioners Donovan was absent and Sethi was late. Councilmember Friedman

**1. Council / Staff Liaison / Commissioners Reports**

Councilmember Friedman provided an update on recent Council activity and Staff Liaison Iarla provided an update on upcoming events. Iarla also reported that the regular springtime review of Gallery Space proposals will be postponed.

**2. Comments from the Public**

None

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Consideration of the minutes of the meeting of April 17, 2012 as postponed as they were not available.

**4. Discussion on the Draft Arts and Culture Master Plan**

The Commission discussed and revised/edited the public art criteria/guidelines and the outreach/recruitment portions of the draft Arts and Culture Master Plan document.

**5. Discussion on Possible New meeting Date and Location**

After a brief discussion regarding consideration of date and location change for regular ACC meetings, It was moved (Cazden/Hawley) to move the regular meetings of the Arts and Culture Commission to the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) Monday of each month, and that the meetings will be held in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Unanimous.

Staff was directed to confirm this new date with the members who were absent to determine if the new schedule would go into effect in June or not.

**6. Liaison Assignments with other Agencies/Organizations/Boards**

There was a discussion regarding Commissioners liaising with other local groups. The following assignments were made:

Joyce – Free Folk Festival

Deb – ECAA

Heidi – The Village Shops and Galleries, Pinole Artisans, Kensington Symphony Orchestra

Luis – City July 4<sup>th</sup> Festival

**7. Discussion on Youth Mentorships**

Commissioner Zavala talked about his idea to local artists to mentor youth. As an individual, he plans to mentor some youth over the summer and he will report back to the Commission in the future to continue the discussion on how the ACC might consider coordinating local artists to host “studio sessions” to engage teens and expose them to different arts.

There was a discussion of the Do It Yourself (“DIY”) Arts Fair hosted by the Commission in 2011; should the focus be just on youth-what about seniors?; artists being paid versus volunteers; open studios, etc...

It was agreed to begin to ask artists if they would like to be contacted about future speaking/presentation/demonstration opportunities.

**8. Items for Next Meeting/Future Meetings:**

It was agreed to start planning for the 2013 Do It Yourself (“DIY”) Arts Fair at a future meeting.

It was agreed the Staff Liaison should provide a report on the ACC budget at each meeting as part of the liaison report.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43pm.