



**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE
Arts and Culture Commission
Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall – Hillside Conference Room
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito**

Approved April 17, 2013

7:05 p.m. Roll Call: Commissioners Cazden, Rand, Sethi and Zavala were present. Commissioners Donovan and Danziger arrived later. Commissioner Hawley and councilmember Friedman were absent.

1. Council / Staff Liaison / Commissioners Reports

Staff Liaison Iarla provided an update including upcoming events, deadline for commissioners to submit their Form 700 and presented a letter from Amalia Cunningham with the El Cerrito New Library Committee.

Commissioner Zavala would like the Commission to talk at a future meeting about liaison assignments as well as about youth arts mentorships.

Commissioner Rand announced she is the co-manager of the new art gallery on San Pablo Avenue and that she also organizes the speakers for the Pinole Artisans Association.

2. Comments from the Public

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved (Rand/Cazden) to approve the minutes of the special meeting of February 20, 2012. Unanimous.

The Commission welcomed new member Deb Danziger. The Commission will do brief introductions at the next meeting.

4. Discussion on the Draft Arts and Culture Master Plan

There was discussion on the goals for the Arts and Culture Master Plan. There was agreement to Commissioner Donovan's suggestion to complete the Master Plan by September by working on a portion of the draft document for a short period of each meeting.

There was consensus in support of the new, consolidated goals. It was suggested to remove "for youth" from the 6th bullet for Goal A and to move the 2nd bullet from Goal D under Goal C, then delete Goal D.

It was moved (Cazden/Sethi) to accept the mission and goals with edits. Unanimous.

5. Earth Day Celebration

Staff Liaison Iarla provided information about the opportunity for the ACC to host a hands-on art activity at the City's annual Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 20, 2013. It was moved (Donovan/Cazden) to direct staff to work with the East Bay Depot for Creative Re-use to host a hands-on art activity Earth Day with expenses not to exceed \$200. Unanimous.

6. Request for Co-Sponsorship for Special Screening of "Nani"

Staff Liaison Iarla provided information about a request by resident Lu Tipping for co-sponsorship for the special screening of "Nani" at El Cerrito High School on March 29, 2013. The film was made by an ECHS

alum, Justin Tipping. It was moved (Rand/Donovan) to co-sponsor the film screening and help promote the event. Unanimous.

7. Discussion on Possible New meeting Date and Location

Staff Liaison Iarla proposed consideration of moving the regular ACC meetings into the Council Chambers (in City Hall), which would require a date change for the monthly meetings. It was agreed that the meeting time would remain as 7pm, and for the Commission to consider at a future meeting, changing to a Monday night schedule.

Commissioner Rand had to leave the meeting early.

8. Items for Next Meeting/Future Meetings:

Commissioner Zavala suggested the Commission talk about ways the Commission might encourage local artists to mentor youth.

It was requested that Staff Liaison Iarla check in with Rich Fowler regarding his Art Walk idea.

The meeting adjourned around 9:05 p.m.