Roll Call
7:00 pm
Commissioners present: Ruth Cazden, Deb Danziger, George Gager, Heidi Rand, Christopher Sterba
Commissioners absent: Luis Zavala (Excused)

1. Commissioners Reports & Liaison Reports
Staff Liaison Iarla reported that commissioner Michele Jawad has resigned due to schedule conflicts on
Monday nights; provided a budget summary; announced the gallery space show by the Outdoor
Painters Group ends on 9/11 and the next show will feature photography by Yuksel Dinncag from 10/1
to 11/14.

Staff Liaison Iarla also announced that a residential development at 1715 Elm Street was approved.
This development is required to contribute 1% for Public Art. The developer has not indicated if they
are considering commissioning artwork or making an in-lieu contribution. As part of the residential
development at 1715 Elm Street, the Developer agreed to lease the historic Rodini house to the city for
a community use. CDD staff will be leading the process to determine the future use, possibly through
an RFP process.

Commissioner Gager said he was still working on developing draft policies/procedures for the ACC
regarding expenditures.

Commissioner Danziger announced the ECAA Annual Art Show and reminded everyone the deadline
to enter is early September.

2. Comments from the Public
None.

3. Approval of Minutes
It was moved (Rand/ Gager) to approve minutes of the July 28, 2014 special meeting. Motion passed
AYES: Cazden, Rand, Gager  ABSTAIN: Danziger, Sterba

4. Continued Discussion on Possible Creation of Artist-in-Residency Program associated with
the Recycling and Environmental Resource Center.
Commissioner Rand led the discussion about the feasibility of establishing an Artist-in-Residency
Program. After some discussion, it was agreed to continue exploring a program that would provide
a source of materials, storage of those raw materials and a display space, but due to limitations on
the site, not a workspace. The subcommittee will continue to refine the ideas and report back at a
future meeting.
5. **Poet Laureate Program**
Commissioner Sterba reported on poet laureate programs in Albany, Emeryville and Richmond. After some discussion, it was agreed not to prioritize establishing a poet laureate program at this time.

6. **Planning for Arts Month Celebration**
After a discussion (including the sharing of ideas including hosting an art competition and/or hosting a workshop in October), it was agreed to create and distribute a flyer promoting existing arts-related events happening in El Cerrito in October to celebrate national Arts and Humanities Month.

The idea to host a workshop at the Recycling & Environmental Resource Center, possibly as part of the City’s Earth Day celebration, will be considered at a future meeting.

It was moved (Gager/Sterba) to expend up to $250 towards a graphic designer updating the 2013 Arts Month flyer, and to create a webpage with a listing of arts events in El Cerrito in October. Unanimous.

7. **ECAA Art Commission Award**
There was a discussion regarding the judging and presentation of an award from the ACC at the El Cerrito Art Association’s annual Art Show and Sale in October 2014.

It was moved (Rand/Sterba) to agree to participate in judging the ECAA Art Show. Commissioners Rand & Danziger will be the judges on behalf of the ACC with Cazden and Zavala available as back-up. Motion passed

AYES: Cazden, Rand, Gager, Sterba
ABSSENt: Danziger

It was moved (Sterba/Rand) to include a $25 prize as part of the award. Motion failed.

AYES: Rand, Sterba.
NO: Cazden
ABSTAIN: Gager
ABSSENT: Danziger

It was agreed to discuss providing a possible prize as part of the ACC award for a piece at the ECAA Annual Art show at the next meeting.

8. **Youth Mentorship Program**
This item was postponed to a future meeting.

1. **Upcoming ACC co-sponsored events:**
Staff Liaison Iarla provided brief updates on the following upcoming events:
- Sun., October 12, 2014 - Music for Madera at the El Cerrito Community Center
- Sat., October 25, 2014 – El Cerrito Free Folk Festival at ECHS
- Sat., November 22, 2014 - Lucas Valley Chamber Orchestra Concert
- Spring 2015 - Lucas Valley Chamber Orchestra Concert

9. **Annual Work Plan (taken out of order)**
After some discussion and updates to the Work Plan, it was moved (Rand/Gager) to submit the work plan as of this meeting to the City Council. Unanimous
10. **Items for Next Meeting/Future Meetings:**
   Free Folk Festival and Music for Madera event updates, ECAA Award with prize and developing a policy/procedures related to master plan expenditures, Youth Mentorship Program, Artist-in-Residency Program

Adjourned at 8:12pm.