



**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE
Arts and Culture Commission
Monday, February 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall – Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito**

Approved March 23, 2015

Roll Call 7:00 pm

Commissioner Present: Ruth Cazden, Deb Danziger, Paul Fadelli, Mollie Hazen, Heidi Rand

Excused Absence: George Gager, Christopher Sterba

1. Commissioners Reports & Liaison Reports

The chair welcomed new commissioner, Paul Fadelli, who briefly introduced himself.

Staff liaison Iarla reported that she attended a tour of the SF Recology center; provided an update on the City Hall Gallery Space; and, met with Gallery Space candidate Chappell about his proposal.

Commissioner Hazen reported she met with Gallery Space candidate Pinkerton about his proposal; announced KSO's upcoming performance schedule; and announce the City/Chamber mixer. Hazen also reported that she asked KSO if they would be interested in having Acc co-sponsor a performance in El Cerrito.

Commissioner Danziger reported she met with Gallery Space candidate Groch about her proposal.

Chair Cazden announced that the May 9th LVCO concert needs to be re-scheduled due to lack of availability of some musicians; a new date has not been set.

2. Comments from the Public

Arlin Robins inquired about the LVCO concert and asked about the status of the creation of a database of local artists; Robins offered to assist in creating the database and will follow-up with liaison Iarla.

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved (Rand/Danziger/Sterba) to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 26, 2015, as edited. Motion passed unanimously.

4. City Hall Gallery Space Exhibit Selection:

Commissioner Rand led a discussion about providing a small stipend or other support to artists exhibiting in the Gallery Space; There was general agreement to support the reception and after some discussion, Commissioner Hazen volunteered to work with liaison Iarla and develop a proposal for the Commission's consideration at a future meeting.

5. Continued Discussion on Possible Creation of Artist-in-Residency Program associated with the Recycling + Environmental Resource Center.

Presentation by the subcommittee, followed by a brief discussion. Liaison Iarla will check on work-space availability at the City's corp yard, and the interest expressed by Stege Sanitary District. The subcommittee will present a proposal for the Commission's consideration in April.

6. Consider Support for 4th of July Festival

Liaison Iarla requested the Commission consider providing a \$1,500 stipend to a professional jazz musician to work and perform with the ECHS Jazz Band as part of the 4th of July festival. There was also discussion about a hands-on activity at the Commission's informational booth.

It was moved (Hazen) to support the July 4 Festival and provide a stipend of up to \$1,500 for a professional jazz musician to work with the ECHS Jazz Band and perform on July 3rd as part of the festival.

It was moved (Danziger/Hazen) to amend the motion to include a requirement for Mr. Mason to provide the ACC with a presentation after the event to report how it went. Revised motion passed unanimously.

It was agreed that the ACC would like to have a booth at the festival, and could share the booth with another City commission. Commissioner Rand volunteered to coordinate a hands-on art activity for a portion of time at the booth.

7. Planning for Arts Month.

The Commission discussed ways to celebrate national Arts & Humanities Month in October.

It was agreed that Deb Danziger would have her show in the Gallery Space during October. There was general interest in hosting a multi-disciplinary event at City Hall to celebrate Arts Month.

A Subcommittee of Cazden, Hazen & Fadelli was created to work on planning for ‘Arts Day at City Hall’ to be held in October 2015. The subcommittee will present a proposal for the Commission’s consideration at a future meeting.

8. Consideration of Items for Next Meeting/Future Meetings:

March: Discussion on Poet Laureate Program; Consider co-sponsorship of Music for Madera event; Consider co-sponsorship of El Cerrito Free Folk Festival event.

Upcoming ACC co-sponsored events:

- Earth Day Celebration - Saturday, April 18, 2015
- Lucas Valley Chamber Orchestra Concert - Fall date TBD at the Community Center

Adjourned 8:50 pm

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