MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE
Arts and Culture Commission
Monday, March 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall – Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Approved as edited on April 27, 2015

Roll Call 7:03 pm
Commissioners: Ruth Cazden, Deb Danziger (left after item #6), Paul Fadelli, George Gager, Mollie Hazen, Heidi Rand(left after item #7), Christopher Sterba.

1. **Commissioners Reports & Liaison Reports**
   Chair Cazden and others welcomed back Commissioner Gager.
   Staff liaison Iarla briefly reported on recent and upcoming Council actions; provided an update on the City Hall Gallery Space; and announced she will be making a presentation about public art to the Stege Sanitary District Board in April.

   Commissioner Danziger announced she is working on a display at Payne's Gallery in Albany.
   Commissioner Hazen announced her book about her late husband, Don Hazen's photography work is now available.

2. **Comments from the Public**
   None

3. **Approval of Minutes**
   It was moved (Rand/Danziger/Sterba) to approve the revised minutes of the meeting of February 24, 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

4. **Request for Co-Sponsorship of "Music for Madera" Fundraiser Event**
   David Weinstein made a presentation and requested the ACC consider co-sponsorship including $500 contribution, outreach, possibly to volunteer and to attend the event.

5. **Request for Co-Sponsorship of 2015 "El Cerrito Free Folk Festival" (taken out of order)**
   Bob Helliesen made a presentation and requested the ACC consider co-sponsorship including $500, securing ECHS as the venue, and publicity support.

   Following the presentations by the guests, there was discussion among the Commission about both events.

   It was moved (Sterba /Danziger) to allocate $200 and offer support and co-sponsorship of the Music for Madera event in September 2015. Motion passed unanimously.

   It was moved (Rand/Hazen) to co-sponsor the 2015 El Cerrito Free Folk Festival, allocate up to $500 and provide support to secure the venue and assist with publicity. Motion passed unanimously.

6. **Discussion on "Arts Day at City Hall" planning for 2015**
   The subcommittee (Cazden, Fadelli, Hazen) provided a handout and presented ideas for celebrating Arts Day at City Hall in October 2015.

7. **Discussion on Arts Month Street Banners**
   Commissioner Fadelli suggested creating street banners to hang along San Pablo Avenue to promote annually promote Arts Month in October. There was discussion and general interest. Staff Liaison Iarla will get a quote for the design work.

Discussion on Poet Laureate Program
Commissioner Sterba provided a handout and shared his research on city Poet Laureate Programs and said he felt a successful program would need to provide a stipend; The item will be discussed in more detail at the May meeting.

8. **Consideration of Items for Next Meeting/Future Meetings:**
The commission discussed items for the April agenda.

Adjourn