



**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE
Arts and Culture Commission
Monday, January 28, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

**El Cerrito City Hall – Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito**

Approved February 25, 2019

7:04 pm Roll Call

Present: Ruth Cazden, Allison Cooper, Richard Fernandez, Amei Papitto, Judith Tannenbaum, Christopher Walsh

Absent: George Gager (excused)

Council Liaison: Janet Abelson

Staff Liaison: Maya Williams

1. Commissioners Reports & Liaison Reports

Commissioners Cooper and Cazden reported that they attended and enjoyed the Artist Reception in the City Hall Gallery Space on January 26. They also noted the two art pieces recently hung permanently in the City Hall lobby.

Councilmember Abelson reported on recent hires at City Hall and on major actions taken and discussions had by the City Council.

2. Comments from the Public

Eva Meyers was present, regarding a possible project to create a community mural along the Ohlone Greenway near Centennial Park. She previously raised this possibility with the ACC in 2017, and will do more research and present again at a future meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion (Walsh/Tannenbaum) to approve minutes of December 3, 2018 special meeting:
Passed, 6-0.

4. Commissions Quarterly Fiscal Report

Liaison Williams provided an overview and update of ACC expenses and available funds.
(Attachment)

5. Request for Support

Keith Johnson, band director at EC High School and direct of the EC Jazz Festival, made a presentation requesting ACC financial support for the 2019 Jazz Festival.

Motion (Cooper/Fernandez) to support the 2019 EC Jazz Festival in the amount of \$2000:
Passed, 6-0.

6. Request for Support

Commissioner Tannenbaum presented a proposal to request ACC financial support for a joint ACC/HRC “Housing and Home” workshop, involving art projects and exploring what home means to individuals and for El Cerritos as a whole.

Motion (Fernandez/Walsh) to support the joint ACC/HRC workshop in the amount of \$100; Passed, 6-0.

7. Funding Scholarships

There was discussion as to possible methods of allocating scholarships for the California Sound Collective music series that will be offered in summer 2019, through the EC Recreation Department.

Motion (Tannenbaum/Fernandez) to fund scholarships in an amount up to \$1500 for the CSC music series: Passed, 6-0.

8. Proposal Process for Commission Support

Commissioner Cooper provided results of research she did on other cities’ review and evaluation process for arts-related grants, and a sample rubric for evaluation.

Motion (Cazden/Tannenbaum) to establish a Review subcommittee (Cooper and Papitto) to further refine the proposal and review process: Passed, 6-0. Williams will also research the evaluation process as handled by similar-sized cities.

9. Update and Discussion

- a. **Lindy Hop Event** – Papitto described Lindy Hop events in other Bay Area locales and venues. She will do additional research and report again.
- b. **Identify a Commission Liaison for ECCRU** – Motion (Walsh/Fernandez) to name Cooper as Commission Liaison for ECCRU: Passed, 6-0.

10. Subcommittee Updates

- a. Performance Space subcommittee: there is a meeting scheduled for January 29 with Ken Kantor, acoustics technician, to discuss specific amendments to Community Center acoustics.
- b. Publicity subcommittee: Walsh has created a foundational document that can be built upon. Williams will research and report on possibility of using space in religious-use buildings for City-sponsored events.

11. Items for Next Meeting

Work Plan
Earth Day
Review Subcommittee

Adjourned Time: 9:06 pm

Public Art Fund
1/28/19 Update

Public Art Fund	Prior Years	2015-2016				2016-2017		2017-2018		2018-2019
		Audited		Audited		Unaudited		Fiscal YTD		
Developer 1% and interest		\$	7,001	\$	9,675	\$	7,478	no deposits yet		
Operating Revenue for ACC		\$	6,000	\$	6,000	\$	6,000	\$ 6,000		
Expenses		\$	8,537	\$	6,160	\$	15,000	\$ 4,590		
Balance		\$	4,464	\$	9,515	\$	(1,522)	\$ 1,410		

Fund Balance \$ 52,149 \$ 56,613 \$ 66,128 \$ 64,606 \$ 66,016

Grants in 2018 (calendar)	Amount Approved
EI Cerrito Preschool "Messy Art Dd	\$ 500
Arthoolie Gallery Event	\$ 750
Free Folk Festival	\$ 1,000
One City One Book	\$ 500
Restaurant Week Music	\$ 800
EI Cerrito HS Jazz Festival	\$ 1,500
4th of July Festival 2018	\$ 3,000
TOTAL	\$ 8,050