



## MINUTES

### MEETING OF THE Arts and Culture Commission

Monday, September 23, 2019 at 7 p.m.  
El Cerrito City Hall – Council Chambers  
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

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**CONVENE REGULAR MEETING** Chair Cazden called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL – Present:** Chair Ruth Cazden; Members Allison Cooper, Bill Nichols, Christopher Walsh. **Absent:** George Gager, Blake Washington.

2. **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**

Janel Abelson provided an update on Council actions and policy discussions, to include El Cerrito STARS youth internship program, WCCUSD agreement for School Resource Officers, and the Elm Street project.

Commissioner Cazden reported about the October Arts Poster and encouraged the public to join the ACC-sponsored beginning orchestra class.

Staff Liaison Maya Williams encouraged the Commission and public to post the arts month poster. The City Council will declare October as Arts Month in Cerrito at their October 1 meeting.

3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

There were no comments from the public.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Consider approval of the minutes of the August 26, 2019 meeting.

**Moved/Second:** Member (Nichols/Cooper) **Action:** Passed a motion to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2019, with amendment to correct item #5 to read, "APPOINTMENT OF NEW VICE CHAIR." **Ayes:** Chair Ruth Cazden; Members Allison Cooper, Bill Nichols, Christopher Walsh. **Noes:** None

5. **APPOINTMENT OF NEW VICE-CHAIR**

Discuss candidates and possible action regarding selection of a new Co-Chair.

**Moved/Second:** Member (Cazden/Walsh) **Action:** Passed a motion to approve Bill Nichols as Vice-Chair of the Arts and Culture Commission as nominated by Commissioner Cazden. **Ayes:** Chair Ruth Cazden; Members Allison Cooper, Bill Nichols, Christopher Walsh. **Noes:** None

6. **REQUEST FOR SUPPORT – EL CERRITO ARTS ASSOCIATION**

Presentation by El Cerrito Arts Association regarding the El Cerrito Art Show for discussion and possible action.

**Moved/Second:** Member (Cooper/Nichols) **Action:** Passed a motion to approve \$150 for the El Cerrito Art Show awards, with \$25 of that to be use as a named Arts and Culture Commission award and the balance of \$125 to be used for show support. **Ayes:** Chair Ruth Cazden; Members Allison Cooper, Bill Nichols, Christopher Walsh. **Noes:** None

**7. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT**

Presentation by Margo Takemiya, J-Sei, regarding the premier East Bay screening of *Kikan, The Homecoming* for discussion and possible action.

**Moved/Second:** Member (Cazden/Walsh) **Action:** Passed a motion to sponsor J-Sei and approve the use of a “community use day” to show the *Kikan, The Homecoming* film at the Rialto Cinemas. **Ayes:** Chair Ruth Cazden; Members Allison Cooper, Bill Nichols, Christopher Walsh. **Noes:** None

**8. EI CERRITO FREE FOLK FESTIVAL**

Discussion and possible action regarding Commission table at the Free Folk Festival. The commission discussed who might be available to table at the festival.

**9. ECCRU UPDATE**

Staff report and discussion. Staff Williams gave an update on the ECCRU application process and reported that there were 7 viable applicants for the residency. She reported that the Review Subcommittee would be meeting to review applications, conduct interview, and would return to the ACC with a recommended candidate at the October meeting.

**10. ACOUSTIC UPGRADE UPDATE**

Staff report and discussion. The acoustic upgrade has been tabled due to the high cost of upgrades to the Community Center for the small amount of use for arts and culture purposes. Staff is in conversation with other performance venues.

**9. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

- a. Performance Space subcommittee (Gager, Walsh, Cazden) – No updates
- b. Publicity subcommittee (Walsh, Cooper) – Commission Walsh will send the shared document link so commissioners can know where to post the October Arts Month poster.

**10. ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

  
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Ruth Cazden, Chair

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the regular Arts and Culture Commission meeting of September 23, 2019 as approved by the Arts and Culture Commission.

  
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Maya Williams, Staff Liaison