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MINUTES

MEETING OF THE Arts and Culture Commission

Monday, October 28, 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 7:00 p.m.

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

2. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Commissioner Cazden reported about the Historical Society/Creedence Clearwater Revival Gallery Space reception, which she attended and enjoyed.

Staff Liaison Maya Williams reported that the two Creedence Clearwater Revival events (the Gallery Space exhibit/reception, and the talk at the Community Center) were well attended and well received. She also noted that the Gallery Space is booked through September 2020, so the next Call for Artists will be in the spring.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Buddy Acacik spoke about art in El Cerrito, and was informed of the process to request support from the ACC.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved/Second: Member (Nichols/Washington) **Action:** Passed a motion to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2019 meeting, with amendment to correct item #8 to read, "...to table at the festival." **Ayes:** Chair Ruth Cazden; Members Allison Cooper, George Gager, Courtney Helion, Bill Nichols, Blake Washington. **Noes:** None

5. PRESENTATION – SAN PABLO AVENUE SPECIFIC PLAN

Presentation by Melanie Mintz (Director of Community Development, City of El Cerrito), on the status of 1) development projects on San Pablo Avenue, per the San Pablo Ave Specific Plan, and 2) the Art in Public Places program.

6. REPORT – SUMMER COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA PROGRAM

Presentation by Terrie Baune, of the California Sound Collective, on the Community Orchestra Program held in summer 2019. The classes and the concert were very successful and the Sound Collective plans to submit a proposal to ACC for a second program in summer 2020.

7. ECCRU ARTIST IN RESIDENCE SELECTION

Commissioner Cooper discussed the recent ECCRU selection process and the recommendation of the selection panel to name Kloe Chan and Risa Dye as ECCRU artists in residence.

Moved/Second: Member (Cazden/Nichols) **Action:** Passed a motion to accept Kloe Chan and Risa Dye as ECCRU artists in residence. **Ayes:** Chair Ruth Cazden; Members Allison Cooper, George Gager, Courtney Helion, Bill Nichols, Blake Washington. **Noes:** None


8. DISCUSSION OF MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Staff Liaison Williams discussed a consultant proposal to revise the master plan, including a town hall community meeting to elicit public input feedback on the arts. Discussion will be continued at the next meeting. The Ad Hoc Town Hall subcommittee will meet before the next ACC meeting to discuss this.

9. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Performance Space subcommittee (Gager, Walsh, Cazden) – Commissioner Gager mentioned a plan to photograph and catalog all available performance spaces in El Cerrito.
- b. Publicity subcommittee (Walsh, Cooper) – No update.

10. **ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.



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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