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.

2. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

Council Liaison Paul Fadelli reported on major actions by the City Council at recent Council meetings.

Staff Liaison Maya Williams reported that the City is reviewing its Strategic Plan, via meetings and focus groups. She also reported that a new commissioner will join ACC as of the March 2020 meeting.

Member Cooper reported that the Community Orchestra performance was excellent. Member Helion enjoyed the recent Gallery Space artist reception.

3. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Buddy Akacic spoke about a comedy and music show that he’d like to stage at the Community Center.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved/Second: Member (Helion/Nichols) Action: Passed a motion to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2019 meeting as submitted. Ayes: Chair Ruth Cazden; Members Allison Cooper, George Gager, Courtney Helion, Bill Nichols, Blake Washington. Noes: None

5. APPROVE THE 2020 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

Moved/Second: Member (Gager/Nichols) Action: Passed a motion to approve the calendar of regular ACC meetings in 2020. (Attachment) Ayes: Chair Ruth Cazden; Members Allison Cooper, George Gager, Courtney Helion, Bill Nichols, Blake Washington. Noes: None
6. FISCAL UPDATE

Staff Liaison Williams provided a fiscal update regarding the Public Art Fund. (Attachment)

7. APPROVE FUNDS FOR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA SCHOLARSHIPS

Moved/Second: Member (Cazden/Washington) Action: Passed a motion to approve a Summer Orchestra scholarship program, not to exceed $1500, on a first-come, first-served basis. Ayes: Chair Ruth Cazden; Members Allison Cooper, George Gager, Courtney Helion, Bill Nichols, Blake Washington. Noes: None

8. FORM NEW SUBCOMMITTEE

Moved/Second: Member (Gager/Washington) Action: Passed a motion to form an ad hoc subcommittee to work with the Recreation Department to explore ways to enhance art in City parks. Subcommittee is Helion, Cazden, and Cooper. Ayes: Chair Ruth Cazden; Members Allison Cooper, George Gager, Courtney Helion, Bill Nichols, Blake Washington. Noes: none.

9. UTILITY BOX ART PROJECT

Staff Liaison Williams presented a proposed pilot project to have art on city-owned utility boxes in El Cerrito. Discussion followed.

Moved/Second: Member (Cazden/Cooper) Action: Passed a motion to direct staff to draft a plan to paint city-owned utility boxes. Ayes: Chair Ruth Cazden; Members Allison Cooper, George Gager, Courtney Helion, Bill Nichols, Blake Washington. Noes: none.

10. MURAL ON OHLONE GREENWAY/CENTENNIAL PARK WALL

Staff Liaison Williams provided background on a previous proposal to create a mural on the wall under the Ohlone Greenway at Centennial Park. Discussion followed, and the item was continued until the February meeting.

[Member Gager left at this time.]

11. DISCUSSION OF MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Member Washington provided some information about a recent townhall meeting that he attended. The Townhall/Community Input subcommittee will meet soon to create the framework for a public survey.

12. UPCOMING ACC-SPONSORED EVENTS

Discussion as to upcoming events took place.
13. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES
   b. Performance Space subcommittee (Gager, Cazden): no update
   c. Publicity subcommittee (Cooper): no update

14. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING – Next meeting date is Monday, February 24, 2020

   Further information and discussion of possible Utility Box Art project.
   Possible methods of eliciting community input regarding ACC Master Plan.
   Further information/discussion about possible mural project on Centennial Park Wall.
   Discussion of possible ACC liaison with Planning Department

15. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

   [Signature]

   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 January 27, 2020 as approved by the Arts and Culture Commission.

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Maya Williams, Staff Liaison
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