

## MINUTES

### MEETING OF THE Arts and Culture Commission

Monday, August 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.  
This meeting was held via teleconference.

**Staff Liaison**

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**CONVENE REGULAR MEETING** Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL – Present:** Chair Allison Cooper; Members Ruth Cazden, George Gager, Courtney Helion, Bill Nichols, Blake Washington. **Absent:** Ann Wiens (unexcused absence).

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

Staff Liaison Maya Williams reported that the El Cerrito-Kensington Emergency Evacuation Drill scheduled for Saturday, August 22 was cancelled due to the current wildfire situation.

3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved/Second:** Member (Washington/Nichols) **Action:** Passed a motion to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2020 meeting as submitted. **Ayes:** Chair Allison Cooper; Members Ruth Cazden, George Gager, Courtney Helion, Bill Nichols, Blake Washington. **Noes:** None. Passed unanimously.

5. **PROPOSED LIBRARY ART PROJECTS**

Discussion about possible art projects in regard to the El Cerrito Library, in conjunction with Heidi Goldstein, Senior Community Library Manager.

6. **EL CERRITO CREATIVE REUSE ARTIST IN RESIDENCE UPDATES**

Presentations were made by Kloe Chan and Risa Dye, El Cerrito ECCRU Artist in Residence, whose terms ended on July 31, 2020.

7. **EL CERRITO CREATIVE REUSE PROGRAM**

Discussion about the feasibility of continuing the ECCRU program during COVID-19. The commission directed staff to provide a draft Call to Artists at the next meeting.

8. **POET LAUREATE CALL FOR ARTISTS**

Discussion as to draft Call for Artists (CFA) provided by staff. The commission directed staff to amend the CFA as discussed and to provide a revised draft at the next meeting.

Chair Cooper agreed to act as the ACC liaison for the ECCRU program and artist. Member Helion agreed to act as the ACC liaison for the Poet Laureate program and poet.

9. **UTILITY BOX PUBLIC ART PILOT PROGRAM CALL FOR ARTISTS**

Discussion regarding draft Call for Artist (CFA) provided by staff for the "Thinking Outside of the Box" Utility Box Public Art Pilot Program.

**Moved/Second:** Member (Cazden/Washington) **Action:** Passed a motion to proceed with the Call for Artists, as amended. **Ayes:** Chair Allison Cooper; Members Ruth Cazden, George Gager, Courtney Helion, Bill Nichols, Blake Washington. **Noes:** None. Passed unanimously.

**Moved/Second:** Member (Cooper/Helion) **Action:** Passed a motion to create a Visual Arts Subcommittee, consisting of Cooper, Helion, and Nichols. **Ayes:** Chair Allison Cooper; Members George Gager, Courtney Helion, Bill Nichols, Blake Washington. **Noes:** Member Ruth Cazden. Passed.

10. **UPCOMING ACC-SPONSORED EVENTS**

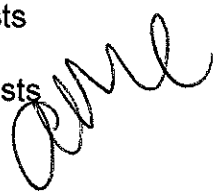
El Cerrito Free Folk Festival, October 10, 2020, 12 p.m. – 9 p.m. (virtual)

11. **SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES**

- a. Recreation Liaison subcommittee (Cazden, Helion, Cooper): will meet with Park and Recreation subcommittee on August 25, 2020.
- b. Community Outreach Subcommittee (Cazden, Gager, Washington): no update


12. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

- a. Staff to provide draft ECCRU Call for Artists
- b. Staff to provide Budget Update
- c. Review revised Poet Laureate Call for Artists



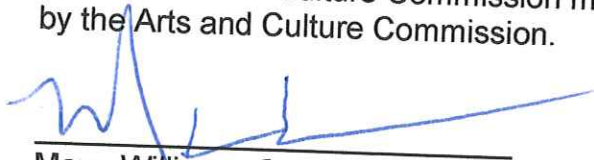
**13. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.



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Allison Cooper, Chair

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the special Arts and Culture Commission meeting of August 24, 2020 as approved by the Arts and Culture Commission.



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Maya Williams, Staff Liaison