MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
Monday, January 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.
VIA TELECONFERENCE

1. ROLL CALL – Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Present:
   Chair Cooper; Members: George Gager (joined at 7:39 PM), Courtney Helion,
   Alan Pavlosky, Ann Wiens

2. COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS
   Commissioner Helion – announced that Artist Engagement Subcommittee report
   would soon be ready.

   Chair Cooper – shared her recruitment efforts for ACC vacancies through social
   media.

   Staff Liaison Orologas – reported the recent death of ECPD Officer Bernstine, the
   closure of City administration offices due to current surge of Covid-19, upcoming
   special city council meeting on February 5, the unexpected resignations of two
   ACC members, and an upcoming haiku contest to be held during El Cerrito Trail
   Trekkers’ Annual Hillside Festival in May.

   Councilmember Abelson – introduced herself and shared her past experiences
   with ACC.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
   Buddy Akacić – suggested installation of a peace arch on San Pablo Avenue
   near the city border between Albany and El Cerrito.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
   Moved/Second: Member Pavlosky/Member Helion Action: Motion to approve
   December 6, 2021 meeting minutes. Ayes: Chair Cooper; Members Pavlosky,
   Helion and Wiens Absent: Member Gager Noes: None. Minutes approved.

5. 2022 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE FOR ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
   Moved/Second: Member Pavlosky/Member Wiens Action: Motion to approve
   2022 regular meeting schedule. Ayes: Chair Cooper; Members Pavlosky, Helion
   and Wiens Absent: Member Gager Noes: None. 2022 Regular Meeting Schedule approved.
6. **EL CERRITO CREATIVE RE-USE (ECCRU) ARTIST IN RESIDENCY RECOMMENDATION**  
**Moved/Second:** Chair Cooper/Member Wiens  
**Action:** Motion to approve Steve Zwetsch as the 2022 ECCRU Artist in Residency for the period of April 1, 2022 through January 1, 2023. **Ayes:** Chair Cooper; Members Pavlosky, Helion and Wiens  
**Absent:** Member Gager  
**Noes:** None. ECCRU Artist in Residency approved.

Public comments:  
Buddy Akacić – Expressed his desire to collaborate with Steve Zwetsch.

7. **REQUEST FOR SUPPORT – MINI GRANT PROGRAM**  
Receive a presentation from applicant Malena Lopez-Maggi from the El Cerrito Preschool Cooperative regarding Messy Art Day.  
**Action:** Presentation received. Due to the uncertainty of Covid-19 impact on the event, Malena Lopez-Maggi agreed to provide an update to ACC on a later date.

8. **ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**  
Budget update, Utility Box Program, Artist Engagement Subcommittee Report, Chalk Day.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**  
The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Allison Cooper, Chair

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Arts and Culture Commission meeting of January 24, 2022, as approved by the Arts and Culture Commission.

Alexandra Orologas, Staff Liaison