



**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE
Arts and Culture Commission
Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall – Hillside Conference Room
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito**

This Meeting Place Is Wheelchair Accessible

7:10 pm

Roll Call

Commissioners Donovan (arrived late) Franco, Hawley, Rand, Zavala.
Commissioners Halasz and Lupinsky were absent.

1. Comments from the Public

Geoffrey Gallegos, music director and conductor of the Kensington Symphony Orchestra introduced himself and provided information about the Orchestra.

2. Council / Staff Liaison / Commissioners Reports

Councilmember Benassini provided an update on recent Council activities including adopting the City's FY 12-13 Operating Budget. Staff Liaison Iarla spoke about the recent National Citizen's Survey and said the venue for the Free Folk Festival in October is still not confirmed.

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved (Hawley/Rand) to approve the minutes of the meeting of the meeting of May 16, 2012. Passed 4-0. Donovan abstained.

4. July 4th Festival Participation

The Commission discussed their booth at the City's July 4th Festival on Wednesday July 4, 2012 and provided direction to staff regarding items to have at the booth: a poster display for the San Pablo Avenue Public Art Project, brochures, sign-up sheet and a candy bowl.

5. City Hall Gallery Space Exhibit Selection

The Commission continued the discussion of three proposals for exhibition in the City Hall Gallery Space. After discussion, it was decided to continue to review Shelley Gardner's sculptures -- Commissioner Zavala volunteered to view the artworks in person.

- It was moved (Donovan/Hawley) to decline Herk Schusteff's current proposal. (Unanimous.)
- It was moved (Donovan/Hawley) to offer Mollie Hazen to exhibit some of Don Hazen's photography, focused on black and white portraits, natural landscapes and close-ups as discussed with Commissioner Zavala. (Unanimous.)
- It was moved (Donovan/Hawley) to offer Lisa Greenstein to exhibit a variety of her works, excluding nudes. (Unanimous.)

6. City Postcard Design Competition

After Staff Liaison Iarla provided information about a City-sponsored postcard design competition as part of outreach for the strategic planning process, the Commission talked about the contest have a grand prize (such as \$500 payment to one selected artist) and provided other input.

It was moved (Donovan/Hawley) to support the postcard design competition. (Unanimous.)
Commissioner Rand volunteered to work with staff on the details.

7. Recycling and Environmental Resource Center Public Art Project

This item was continued to a future meeting.

8. Items for Next Meeting/Future Meetings:

July: City Fees Incurred by Artists, California Arts Day

August: Arts & Culture Master Plan

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm