



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
Arts and Culture Commission
Monday, December 15, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall – Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito**

Approved January 26, 2014

7:05 p.m. Roll Call

Commissioner Present: Ruth Cazden, Deb Danziger, Heidi Rand, Christopher Sterba.

Commissioner Absent: George Gager (unexcused)

1. Commissioners Reports & Liaison Reports

Staff liaison Iarla reported Mark Friedman was selected as Mayor for 2015 and announced the winter break closure dates for City administrative offices.

2. Comments from the Public - None.

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved (Rand/ Sterba) to approve the minutes of special meeting of November 24, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

4. ACC Work Plan

The Work Plan was updated and there was discussion about Ruth's presentation to the City Council.

5. Possible Recommendation regarding Commission Applicants

There was a discussion regarding the desire for applicants to the ACC be queried about their availability for meetings. It was moved (Danziger/Rand) to provide the City Clerk with the following feedback:

“Due to ongoing issues over the past 2 years with getting a quorum at meetings, the ACC is eager to have new commissioners who are able to attend a majority of ACC meetings. Therefore, we respectfully recommend that the City Clerk's office check with potential ACC applicants that they can regularly attend regular meetings on the 4th Monday of each Month.” Motion passed unanimously.

6. Continued Discussion on Possible Creation of Artist-in-Residency Program associated with the Recycling + Environmental Resource Center.

There was discussion about developing the Artist-in-Residency Program and it was agreed that the subcommittees will develop draft program goals/parameters; determine the work-product requirements; propose the application process & draft a call; work with Suzanne on location, insurance and other details requiring interdepartmental support.

Next steps after the program is adopted would be to issue the call; review & evaluate applications; select artist(s); meet and supervise the artist.

Iarla will invite someone from San Francisco Recology to make a presentation.

7. Items for Next Meeting/Future Meetings

January items: Gallery space selection & discussion about possible stipend for Gallery Space artists. Note: The regular December meeting has been cancelled.

Adjourned 8:50