



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
Arts and Culture Commission
Monday, January 26, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall – Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito**

Approved February 23, 2015

7:05 p.m. Roll Call

Commissioner Present: Ruth Cazden, Deb Danziger, George Gager, Mollie Hazen Heidi Rand, Christopher Sterba. (One vacancy)

1. Commissioners Reports & Liaison Reports

The chair welcomed new commissioner, Mollie Hazen, who briefly introduced herself. Councilmember Gabriel Quinto also introduced himself. Mr. Quinto is the ACC council liaison for 2015.

2. Comments from the Public

Filmmaker Eve Ma provided an update on the screening of Domino on January 28th.

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved (Danziger/Sterba) to modify the motion made at the last meeting to replace the word “request” to “recommend”. It was then moved (Danziger/Hazen) to approve the minutes of special meeting of December 15, 2014, as edited. Motion passed unanimously.

4. City Hall Gallery Space Exhibit Selection:

The Commission reviewed and discussed the submissions for exhibition in the Gallery Space. (*Note: Proposals are online at: <http://ca-elcerrito.civicplus.com/index.aspx?NID=771>)*

It was moved (Sterba/Hazen) to offer Farhat Daud and Michelle Fillingim the opportunity to have a show in the Gallery space and request Darren Chappell, Evie Groch, David Helfant, and Richard Pinkerton to submit a detailed proposal for future consideration. Motion passed unanimously.

Danziger offered to assist Evie Groch; Gager offered to assist David Helfant and Hazen offered to assist Richard Pinkerton. Iarla will assist Chappell.

Note: The matter of considering offering a small stipend to Gallery Space artists was not discussed.

5. Consider Sponsoring art-activity as part of Earth Day Celebrations

Iarla provided some background information about the ACC sponsoring a hands-on art activity at the City’s annual Earth Day Celebration, followed by discussion about possible activities hosted by the ACC directly and other ideas.

It was moved (Danziger/Hazen) to contract with East Bay Depot for Creative Resuse to offer a hands-on art activity at the City’s annual Earth Day Celebration on Saturday, April 18, 2015, not to exceed \$200. Motion passed unanimously.

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

The subcommittee made a presentation and led a discussion. There was general agreement with the subcommittee's draft elements, including allowing the artist to sell their works.

Cazden reported that Al Miller mentioned Stege Sanitary District might be interested in locating public art at their offices on Schmidt Lane and Iarla will follow-up with Mr. Miller.

7. Items for Next Meeting/Future Meetings:

Items to be discussed in February: Gallery Space; Proposed Artist-In-Residency Program; Start planning for Arts Month.

Adjourned 9:02 pm