



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
Arts and Culture Commission  
Monday, September 28, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.  
El Cerrito City Hall – Council Chambers  
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito**

Approved 10/26/15

**Roll Call**

Commissioners Present: Ruth Cazden, Deb Danziger, Paul Fadelli, George Gager, Mollie Hazen, Heidi Rand, Christopher Sterba.

**1. Commissioners Reports & Liaison Reports**

Cazden congratulated Iarla on her recent promotion to the position of Assistant to the City Manager; Danziger announced she has a new job at Oakland School for the Arts; Hazen provided an update on upcoming Kensington Symphony Orchestra performances; Rand reported that she attended the Free Folk Festival and it was fantastic; Rand also provided a brief update on the ECCRU program development; Sterba reported he met with Iarla regarding the proposed Poet Laureate Program and requested the item go on the October agenda; Gager reported passing on information from WCCUSD to Iarla. Fadelli reported he attended the Free Folk Festival and Music for Madera.

There was some discussion about the Free Folk Festival including:

- Great event that also has potential for growth
- Could ACC help more with marketing?
- Schedule had many overlapping performances and could be improved

Staff Liaison Iarla provided an update on recent Council actions including adopting a Tobacco Retailer License Program and holding a study session on increasing the minimum wage; reported that Music for Madera was held and provided information on a number of upcoming events.

**2. Comments from the Public**

Bill Kuhlman spoke about Restaurant Week, happening October 1-4, 2015.

**3. Approval of August 24, 2015 Minutes**

Postponed to next meeting.

**4. Update Planning for Arts Month 2015**

Chair Cazden provided an update and led a discussion about the Arts Day Festival to be held on October 17<sup>th</sup> at City Hall, including the need for Commissioners and volunteers to assist on the day and other logistics.

It was moved (Rand/Danziger) for Commissioners Sterba and Gager to award a ribbon at the ECAA annual Art show on behalf of the ACC. Unanimous.

**5. Consideration of Recommendation for Shadi Holiday Display Proclamation**

Commissioner Fadelli expressed interest in the ACC making a recommendation to City Council to pass a proclamation recognizing the Shadi Holiday Display. Fadelli will have a draft proclamation for the Commission's consideration next month.

**6. Continued Discussion Regarding the "The Tepco Coffeecup Chair" by Tina Amidon**

Staff Liaison Iarla reported that there is no indoor location in City Hall to display Tina Amidon's Tepco Coffeecup Chair. Iarla recommended at this time, that the City decline Amidon's offer to donate the piece to the City but keep it in mind if there is an appropriate space to display it somewhere in the future.

**7. Consideration of Items for Next Meeting/Future Meetings:**

Next month, Corey Mason will report on the ACC's sponsorship to support a jazz musician to work with the ECHS band and perform on July 3 as part of the 2015 July 4 Festival.

**Adjourned**