



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

Monday, August 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Staff Liaison

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VIA TELECONFERENCE

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1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Helion called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. **Present:** Chair Courtney Helion; Members: George Gager, Ann Wiens.

 2. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**
Staff Liaison Orologas announced the resignation of two ACC members, Vice Chair Pavlosky and Member Cooper. She also stated that the City had appointed a new Fire Chief, Eric Saylor on August 8. Lastly, she provided an update on the August 25 workshop regarding a potential library at the BART Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) project at the Plaza as well as the joint Planning Commission/Design Review Board meeting on September 7 focused on conceptual site plans for the BART TOD project. She encouraged everyone to attend to learn more.

 3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
None.

 4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Moved/Second: Member Gager/Member Wiens **Action:** Motion to approve June 27, 2022 meeting minutes. **Ayes:** Members Gager and Wiens; **Abstain:** Chair Helion; **Noes:** None. Minutes approved.

 5. **EL CERRITO ART ASSOCIATION SHOW MINI GRANT REQUEST**
Staff Liaison Orologas provided an update on the mini grant request which failed the motion for support from the previous meeting.

Discussion: Comparison of grant amounts to the Art Association from previous years, refine Mini Grant policy and application to require submission of itemized expense reports from applicants. **Moved/Second:** Member Wiens/Chair Helion **Action:** Motion to approve \$500.00 to support all the awards to artists for the Art Association Art Show. **Ayes:** Chair Helion; Member Wiens; Member Gager **Noes:** None. Motion passed.

 6. **TRANSITION DISCUSSION**
Discussion on staff liaison's temporary transition and possible action on a one-time extension of the terms of the current Poet Laureate and El Cerrito Creative

Re-Use (ECCRU) Artist in Residency.

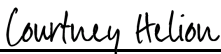
Moved/Second: Member Wiens/Chair Helion **Action:** Motion to authorize Staff Liaison to extend 1. the current Poet Laureate for up to one year, from February 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024 with a stipend of \$2,000. 2. the current El Cerrito Creative Re-Use (ECCRU) Artist in Residency for up to 9 months from April 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023, full term with a stipend of \$900. **Ayes:** Chair Helion; Member Wiens; Member Gager **Noes:** None. Motion passed.

7. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Arts Month, recruitment ideas and efforts.

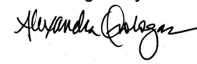
8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

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Courtney Helion, Chair

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Alexandra Orologas, Staff Liaison