



**MINUTES**  
**MEETING OF THE**  
**Arts and Culture Commission**  
**Wednesday, January 18, 2012**  
**El Cerrito City Hall – Hillside Conference Room**  
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

**7:03 p.m. Roll Call**

Present: Commissioners Halasz, Hawley, Lupinsky. Absent: Commissioners Donovan, Franco

**1. Selection of Commission Officers for 2012**

This item was tabled to the February meeting.

**2. Council / Staff Liaison / Commissioners Reports**

Councilmember Benassini introduced herself and reported on City Council items including an update on the elimination of the Redevelopment Agency. She informed members of the One Bay Area meeting to be held in Richmond on 1/23. Karen Pinkos reported on the store front art wall, a possible grant opportunity for the “Our Town” NEA Grants, and announced the upcoming EQC film event “The New Metropolis” on 2/4 at the Cerrito Theater. The commissioners agreed to review options for the Earth Day and July 4 events on the February agenda.

**3. Comments from the Public**

No public comments.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

This item was tabled to the February meeting.

**5. Discussion regarding the San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Public Art Sculptures**

Commissioners discussed placement of the art sculptures along San Pablo Avenue that had been reviewed at the Special Meeting of January 10. Saori Ide was present and together with the Commissioners used miniature icons on a large map of San Pablo Avenue to visualize potential sites. The commissioners discussed the number of icons to be placed in one location, how spread out along the Avenue the icons should be, and the best locations for viewing the icons to activate certain areas. The consensus of the Commissioners present was that five sites that are generally considered as City gateways should be considered:

- Two icons near the Carlson Blvd. intersection
- Three icons at the City Hall/Manila & Bayview intersection
- Two icons at the Potrero Avenue intersection
- Three icons at Del Norte/Hill Street intersection
- Two icons at the Conlon Avenue intersection

However, the Commissioners present did not want to provide final direction to the artists until the absent Commissioners also had a chance to review the placement sites. In addition, the Commissioners asked Ide to provide the Commission with their ideas as to which icons might be placed together at these sites. The Commissioners and Ms. Ide agreed that this discussion would then continue at the February meeting, with the goal of giving the artists the final direction for them to be able to prepare their revised design proposal to be presented at a public hearing in March.

**6. Liaison Assignments**

No updates.

**7. Items for Next Meeting:** Finalize sites for placement of icons, including hearing feedback from artists on their suggested sculpture groupings; Election of Chair and Vice Chair; Earth Day and July 4 events, Approval of minutes.

**8. Adjournment: 8:28 p.m.**