



**MINUTES OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
Arts and Culture Commission
Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall – Hillside Conference Room
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito**

Roll Call: Commissioners Donovan, Hawley, Rand, Sethi were all present.

1. Comments from the Public

Local artist, and former Arts and Culture Commissioner Eve Ma expressed interest in screening two of her local documentary interviews.

2. Council / Staff Liaison / Commissioners Reports

All Commissioners introduced themselves and welcomed new Commissioner Cristin Sethi.

Councilmember Benassini provided an update on recent Council activities and Staff Liaison Iarla announced Commissioner Halasz expressed that he could not make the meeting again tonight and felt like he should resign. It was agreed that Staff Liaison Iarla would find out if the meeting date was the only conflict for him. Staff Liaison Iarla also gave an update about upcoming City events.

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved (Hawley/Donovan) to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 17, 2012 with minor changes. Unanimous.

4. “Art Walk” Presentation by Rich Fowler

Resident and local artist Rich Fowler presented an idea for a temporary outdoor art installation and walk in El Cerrito. The Commissioners asked questions and discussed the idea. Mr. Folwer was invited to come back to the Commission in February with a more detailed proposal.

5. Information on Recreation Department Instructors and Facility rentals

Recreation Director Chris Jones presented information about class/instructor fees and facility rental fees, and also discussed the Council’s “Co-sponsored groups”, followed by questions and discussion.

6. City Hall Gallery Space Exhibit Selection:

Staff Liaison Iarla provided a review of the submissions for exhibition in the Gallery Space. After discussion, the Commission selected Dean Hunsaker, Lin Salamo, Jean Sanchirico, and Dug Waggoner to each have a solo exhibit. The Commission declined the proposal from the Artists’ Guild of the East Bay and will review E. Ruiz’s proposal in May. Iarla will follow-up with all the artists.

7. pARTy Debrief

The Commission felt the Arts Month pARTy held at City Hall on October 26 was a success.

8. Urban Greening Plan: Green Vision 2035

Staff Liaison Iarla provided a brief background on the process for the development of the “Green Vision 2035” document. There was a lot of interest by Commissioners to serve on the **Urban Greening Plan** Task Force. After discussion, it was agreed that either Nancy or Joyce would represent the Commission.

9. Items for Next Meeting/Future Meetings:

It was agreed to cancel the next regular meeting (scheduled for December 19th). It was agreed to have the Update on Arts and Culture Master Plan at the January meeting.

Adjourned at 9:00 p.m.