

Approved MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE Arts and Culture Commission Wednesday, August 25, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. El Cerrito City Hall – Council Chambers 10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

## **Roll Call**

7:00 pm

Commissioners present: Ruth Cazden, Deb Danziger, George Gager, Heidi Rand, Christopher Sterba Commissioners absent: Luis Zavala (Excused)

## 1. Commissioners Reports & Liaison Reports

Staff Liaison Iarla reported that commissioner Michele Jawad has resigned due to schedule conflicts on Monday nights; provided a budget summary; announced the gallery space show by the Outdoor Painters Group ends on 9/11 and the next show will feature photography by Yuksel Dinncag from 10/1 to 11/14.

Staff Liaison Iarla also announced that a residential development at 1715 Elm Street was approved. This development is required to contribute 1% for Public Art. The developer has not indicated if they are considering commissioning artwork or making an in-lieu contribution. As part of the residential development at 1715 Elm Street, the Developer agreed to lease the historic Rodini house to the city for a community use. CDD staff will be leading the process to determine the future use, possibly through an RFP process.

Commissioner Gager said he was still working on developing draft policies/procedures for the ACC regarding expenditures.

Commissioner Danziger announced the ECAA Annual Art Show and reminded everyone the deadline to enter is early September.

## 2. Comments from the Public

None.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved (Rand/ Gager) to approve minutes of the July 28, 2014 special meeting. Motion passed AYES: Cazden, Rand, Gager ABSTAIN: Danziger, Sterba

# 4. Continued Discussion on Possible Creation of Artist-in-Residency Program associated with the Recycling and Environmental Resource Center.

Commissioner Rand led the discussion about the feasibility of establishing an Artist-in-Residency Program. After some discussion, it was agreed to continue exploring a program that would provide a source of materials, storage of those raw materials and a display space, but due to limitations on the site, not a workspace. The subcommittee will continue to refine the ideas and report back at a future meeting.

## 5. Poet Laureate Program

Commissioner Sterba reported on poet laureate programs in Albany, Emeryville and Richmond. After some discussion, it was agreed not to prioritize establishing a poet laureate program at this time.

## **6.** Planning for Arts Month Celebration

After a discussion (including the sharing of ideas including hosting an art competition and/or hosting a workshop in October), it was agreed to create and distribute a flyer promoting existing arts-related events happening in El Cerrito in October to celebrate national Arts and Humanities Month.

The idea to host a workshop at the Recycling & Environmental Resource Center, possibly as part of the City's Earth Day celebration, will be considered at a future meeting.

It was moved (Gager/Sterba) to expend up to \$250 towards a graphic designer updating the 2013 Arts Month flyer, and to create a webpage with a listing of arts events in El Cerrito in October. Unanimous.

#### 7. ECAA Art Commission Award

There was a discussion regarding the judging and presentation of an award from the ACC at the El Cerrito Art Association's annual Art Show and Sale in October 2014.

It was moved (Rand/Sterba) to agree to participate in judging the ECAA Art Show. Commissioners Rand & Danziger will be the judges on behalf of the ACC with Cazden and Zavala available as back-up. Motion passed

AYES: Cazden, Rand, Gager, Sterba ABSENT: Danziger

It was moved (Sterba/Rand) to include a \$25 prize as part of the award. Motion failed.

AYES: Rand, Sterba.

NO: Cazden ABSTAIN: Gager ABSENT: Danziger

It was agreed to discuss providing a possible prize as part of the ACC award for a piece at the ECAA Annual Art show at the next meeting.

## 8. Youth Mentorship Program

This item was postponed to a future meeting.

## 1. Upcoming ACC co-sponsored events:

Staff Liaison Iarla provided brief updates on the following upcoming events:

- Sun., October 12, 2014 Music for Madera at the El Cerrito Community Center
- Sat., October 25, 2014 El Cerrito Free Folk Festival at ECHS
- Sat., November 22, 2014 Lucas Valley Chamber Orchestra Concert
- Spring 2015 Lucas Valley Chamber Orchestra Concert

## 9. Annual Work Plan (taken out of order)

After some discussion and updates to the Work Plan, it was moved (Rand/Gager) to submit the work plan as of this meeting to the City Council. Unanimous

## 10. Items for Next Meeting/Future Meetings:

Free Folk Festival and Music for Madera event updates, ECAA Award with prize and developing a policy/procedures related to master plan expenditures, Youth Mentorship Program, Artist-in-Residency Program

Adjourned at 8:12pm.