



**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE
Arts and Culture Commission
Monday, October 27, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall – Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito**

7:03 pm Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Ruth Cazden, George Gager, Heidi Rand, Christopher Sterba

Commissioners Absent: Deb Danziger (excused) Luis Zavala (unexcused)

1. Commissioners Reports & Liaison Reports

George Gager gave a brief summary regarding how he put together the draft documents about Commission Policies/Procedures. Chair Cazden thanked George for his time and suggested the Commission look at the document in sections, starting with methodology for soliciting and dealing with proposals.

Cazden and Rand reported they attended the Free Folk Festival.

Councilmember Greg Lyman provided an update on significant Council actions during June-September.

2. Comments from the Public

None

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved (Rand/ Sterba) to approve the minutes of special meeting of September 29, 2014. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Consideration of Co-Sponsorship of "Domino: Caught in the Crisis"

The Commission discussed the request by filmmaker Eve Ma for the ACC to co-sponsor a screening of the film, "Domino: Caught in the Crisis". Cazden & Sterba reported they each previewed the film and would support co-sponsorship. It was moved (Gager/ Sterba) to co-sponsor a screening of the film, "Domino: Caught in the Crisis" at the Rialto Cinemas Cerrito. Motion passed unanimously.

Staff will work with Rialto and the filmmaker to determine a date in early 2015.

5. Review of Arts Month

There was discussion about 2014 Arts month activities.

- Rand would like the ACC to host an event; need to talk and start planning for it sooner
- Cazden liked the balance of music, visual arts, performing arts. Perhaps consider adding dance and/or theater in the future
- Cazden and Sterba liked the idea of a participatory event
- Gager suggested the ACC consider tying in an event with the City's annual Egg Hunt in the spring and mentioned Mr. Danish at Madera Elementary School does pottery with 5th grade students

It was agreed to start talking about 2015 Arts Month in the spring.

6. Youth Mentorship Program

This item was postponed to a future meeting

7. Consideration of Meeting Schedule in November and December

After discussion, it was agreed to hold the regular meetings of November 24 and to discuss next month the possibility of moving the regular December meeting to December 15 or 8.

8. Items for Next Meeting/Future Meetings:

November Topics: Gallery Space Proposal Review & Development of Policies/Procedures for the Commission.

Upcoming ACC co-sponsored events:

- Saturday, Nov. 22, 2014 - Lucas Valley Chamber Orchestra Concert at the Community Center
- Saturday, May 9, 2015 - Lucas Valley Chamber Orchestra Concert at the Community Center

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