



**MINUTES
MEETING OF THE
Arts and Culture Commission
Monday, November 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall – Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito**

Approved 12-15-14

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Ruth Cazden, Deb Danziger, George Gager, Heidi Rand, Christopher Sterba.
(Two vacancies)

1. Commissioners Reports & Liaison Reports

Staff liaison Iarla reported on the election results, upcoming City events, the resignation of Commissioner Zavala and correspondence from Bob Helliesen and Cindy Wright.

Cazden reported that about 100 attended the Lucas Valley Chamber Orchestra Concert at the Community Center and LVCO collected \$226 in donations for the City's David Hunter Memorial Scholarship Fund.

2. Comments from the Public

Dave Weinstein, (member of El Cerrito Trail Trekkers and the City's Environmental Quality Committee) provided an update on the Music for Madera fundraiser concert held in October and requested to come back at a future meeting to talk about making Music for Madera an annual event, and discuss how the ACC could support the event.

Chair Cazden suggested the matter be discussed in March or April, 2015.

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved (Rand/ Sterba) to approve the minutes of special meeting of October 27, 2014. Motion passed.

YES: Cazden, Gager, Rand, Sterba

ABSTAIN: Danziger

4. City Hall Gallery Space Exhibit Selection:

The Commission reviewed and discussed the following two submissions for exhibition in the Gallery Space from:

- Deb Danziger
- Lisa Yount

The Commission unanimously agreed to offer both artists to exhibit in the City Hall Gallery Space. Staff will work directly with each artist to schedule the exhibits.

Heidi Rand offered to assist Staff liaison Iarla to work with Lisa Yount as needed.

The Commission also discussed how the call for artists was being distributed and agreed to set the deadline of January 17, 2015 for another review of proposals at the regular January meeting. Iarla will post on the California Arts Council website and the AC5 website;

Rand and Danziger will outreach to ECAA and Rand will post information on her blog, Nextdoor and Craigslist. Danziger will put information at the RAC, Sterba will put information at the Library

The matter of including 3-D art at City Hall will be included in the future discussion about possible exhibit spaces (to be led by Gager).

5. Development of Policies/Procedures for the Commission

Gager shared how he compiled the draft documents. (*Handout of draft document available upon request.*) It was agreed that unsolicited proposals are problematic for the Commission and since the Public Art Fund is public monies, there needs to be a competitive process. There was some discussion regarding the minimum amount that would trigger the need for a competitive process.

It was moved (Danziger/Sterba) to establish a \$5,000 threshold for proposals; Proposals higher than \$5,000 will require a competitive process. Unanimous.

The Commission agreed to discuss and evaluate the types/locations for possible future public art at another meeting.

6. Consideration of Meeting Schedule in December & Items for Next Meeting/Future Meetings:

There was discussion regarding cancelling or re-scheduling the regular meeting of December 22.

It was moved (Sterba/Rand) cancel the December 22 meeting and to hold a special meeting on December 15, 2014. Unanimous.

Adjourned at 8:36pm