



**MINUTES OF THE
Arts and Culture Commission
Monday, August 24, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall – Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito**

Approved 10/26/15

Roll Call

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

Commissioners Absent (Excused): Paul Fadelli & Mollie Hazen

1. Commissioners Reports & Liaison Reports

Sterba reported he attended Farhat Daud's Artist Reception in the Gallery Space.

Cazden provided an update on ECHS's interest in obtaining an orchestra shell for the performing art center Staff Liaison Iarla provided information to the Commission from resident Pam Fingado regarding her ideas for re-use of the Masonic Hall building on Stockton Ave; Recent developments including a contribution to the Public Art Fund from a small residential development and reported that the City Council held a study session on establishing a local minimum wage for workers in El Cerrito.

2. Comments from the Public

Jenny Hammer (resident and member of new group, Friends of Rosenberg Park) presented a proposal for the ACC to consider co-sponsorship of an event, "Poetry in the Park" to be held in April 2016. This item will be discussed at a future meeting.

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved (Rand/Danziger) to approve the minutes of the special meeting of August 3, 2015 with edits. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Presentation by Tina Amidon regarding her artwork, "The Tepco Coffeecup Chair"

Local artist Tina Amidon presented information about her artwork, the Tepco Coffeecup Chair, and offered to donate it to the City if it would be displayed in an indoor location. There was discussion and Iarla was directed to look into displaying the Chair in the City Hall lobby or vestibule. It was agreed to possibly establish a subcommittee

5. Consideration of establishing a Poet Laureate Program

Sterba presented information on establishing a Poet Laureate Program in El Cerrito, starting in 2016, followed by discussion and it was agreed to establish a subcommittee next month.

6. Consideration of Updating Gallery Space Submission Guidelines

There was discussion and input provided to staff regarding revisions to the guidelines for submitting City Hall Gallery Space proposals. It was moved (Cazden/Danziger) to approve the Gallery Space proposal guidelines as discussed. Motion passed unanimously. Staff will update the guidelines.

7. Update on joint subcommittee to evaluate a mural installation on the BART pylons

Rand provided an update on work by the joint subcommittee, including receiving feedback on preferred locations for the murals. Joint subcommittee/Crime Prevention Committee member Nick Arzio also provided information.

8. Update Planning for Arts Month 2015

Cazden provided an update on planning for the event to be held on October 17th at City Hall, followed by discussion, including availability of Commissioners to volunteer at the event.

9. Consideration of Items for Next Meeting/Future Meetings:

There was discussion regarding future agenda items to discuss next month.

Adjourn