



**MINUTES FOR THE MEETING OF THE
Arts and Culture Commission
Monday, January 25, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito**

Approved 2/22/16

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Ruth Cazden, Paul Fadelli, George Gager, Heidi Rand, Christopher Sterba.
Commissioners Absent (Excused): Deb Danziger & Mollie Hazen

1. Commissioners Reports & Liaison Reports

Sterba gave an update on the Poet Laureate Program; reported that community members have inquired to him about Rosenberg Memorial Park.
Staff Liaison Iarla also gave a brief update.

2. Comments from the Public

Jenny Hammer, with El Cerrito Trail Trekkers announced a new hiking series that includes geo-caching for poetry, shared info about the upcoming hike in February and asked the Commission to consider co-sponsoring the series. There was interest and the matter will be put on the agenda for next month.

3. Approval of Minutes

Consideration of the minutes of the meeting of Dec.7, 2015 was postponed to a future meeting

4. Request to Support El Cerrito High School Jazz Festival

ECHS Band Director Keith Johnson made a presentation and requested co-sponsorship of the Jazz Festival to be held Saturday, Feb. 6, 2016. There was some discussion about using Public Art Fund monies to support the evening "headliner" concert by the John Daversa Small Band. It was moved (Gager/Fadelli) to support the Jazz Festival with co-sponsorship and a contribution of \$1,000. Unanimous.

There was also a brief discussion with Mr. Johnson about the school bands participating in ACC events, such as Arts Month.

5. Update on ECCRU Program

Heidi Rand gave an update and distributed the draft Call for Artists document. There was consensus that the call should go out by spring so the artist can participate in the Commission's Arts Month event in October. Fadelli suggested re-considering the residency term of 6 months to perhaps 1 year.

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

- Iarla announced the special meeting on Monday Feb 1: Roundtable with the three BART El Cerrito del Norte Station Finalists.
- There was interest in scheduling a brief Brown Act refresher training.
- Recreation Director Chris Jones should be invited to talk in Feb or March about the July 4 Festival.

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