



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
Arts and Culture Commission
Monday, March 28, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

**El Cerrito City Hall – Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito**

Approved April 25, 2016

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Ruth Cazden, Paul Fadelli, Mollie Hazen (left after item #4), Heidi Rand, Christopher Sterba.

Absent: George Gager (excused)

Note: There was no remote teleconference location for this meeting.

1. Commissioners Reports & Liaison Reports

- Commissioner Sterba attended LunaFest, which featured films by two local filmmakers and suggested the Commission could consider screening those films in the future.
- Commissioner Fadelli announced that BART has hired an arts manager.
- Commissioner Hazen apologized for missing some meetings recently due to health problem and also announced upcoming KSO concerts on April 16 and May 22.
- Chair Cazden received a thank you note from Gallery Space artist, Patricia Bullitt.
- Staff Liaison Iarla gave an update on BART's selection process for new murals at the Del Norte Station, and announced the new show in the Gallery Space is by Michel Banda Dieguez. He is not planning a public reception.

2. Comments from the Public

None

3. Approval of Minutes

It was moved (Rand/Sterba) to approve of the minutes of the meeting of Dec.7, 2015. Unanimous.

It was moved (Rand/Fadelli) to approve of the minutes of the meeting of Feb. 22, 2016. Unanimous.

4. Request for Co-Sponsorship of 2016 "El Cerrito Free Folk Festival" (Item taken out of order)

Bob Hellieson and Ken Hayes of the San Francisco Folk Music Club spoke about the success of last year's festival, thanked the Commission for its support in previous years, and requested the Commission co-sponsor the El Cerrito Free Folk Festival in October 2016. There was some discussion about slight room changes planned for 2016, the desire to do more publicity, and that the ECAA Art Show might be the same weekend.

It was moved (Fadelli/Hazen) to appropriate \$750 to support the 2016 El Cerrito Free Folk Festival, including \$250 towards publicity. Unanimous.

5. Development of 2016 Annual Work Plan

Iarla led a discussion to finalize the Commission's work plan for 2016, including events the Commission plans to hold or participate in.

6. Consideration of Sponsoring Activity at Earth Day Celebration – Sat. April 16, 2016

Iarla led a discussion regarding sponsoring a hands-on art activity at the City's Earth Day Celebration Luncheon in April. There was a preference to utilize East Bay Depot for Creative Re-Use (EBDCR) to run the activity instead of the ACC running the activity there should be a sign-up sheet at the table for people interested in the Commission, and specifically ECCRU.

It was moved (Rand/Fadelli) to appropriate up to \$200 for an arts activity at the City's 2016 Earth Day to be carried out by EBDCR. Unanimous.

7. Consideration of Poetry Event(s) in April/May

Commissioner Sterba suggested a poetry reading event on April 12, 2016 to promote the new Poet Laureate Program. The Friends of the El Cerrito Library have already contributed \$50 towards the event and poet Jack Marshall is available to perform. Sterba also suggested a poetry event in late May 2016 featuring young poets and involving local students.

The Commission thanked Chris for his efforts to plan these events and for his work on the Poet Laureate program.

It was moved (Rand/Cazden) to support the April 12 Poetry Reading event and appropriate \$250 for Jack Marshall to perform at the April event and another event TBD; and appropriate an amount not to exceed \$200 for a musical accompaniment at the April event; and appropriate \$200 for performers TBD for the May event.

8. Consideration of Co-Sponsoring July 4 Festival

After some discussion on how the ACC could become more involved in the City's annual July 4 Festival, It was moved (Cazden/Rand) to support the festival and appropriate \$2,000 towards the July 3rd performer.

It was requested that Festival Mainstage Director Corey Mason make a brief presentation to the Commission in May or June about the selected performer and the festival. Unanimous.

9. ECCRU Discussion

Due to the departure of Deb Danziger from the Commission, it was agreed that Chris Sterba would serve on the ECCRU subcommittee (with Rand and Gager).

10. Items for Next Meeting

There was some discussion about items for the April meeting, including selection of Chair/Vice Chair.

Adjourned 9:20 pm