



**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
Arts and Culture Commission  
Monday, March 26, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

*Approved May 29, 2018*

**7:05 pm Roll Call**

Present: Ruth Cazden, George Gager, Heidi Rand, Christopher Sterba, Judith Tannenbaum, Christopher Walsh.

Acting Staff Liaison: Karen Pinkos

Council Liaison: Paul Fadelli

**1. Commissioners Reports & Liaison Reports**

Fadelli reported on major actions taken and discussion had by the Council at recent meetings.

Pinkos reported that an Assistant to the City Manager has been hired and will begin work within a few weeks. She also reminded Commissioners to turn in their Form 700.

**2. Comments from the Public**

El Cerrito resident Richard Fernandez said that he and his wife moved to El Cerrito a year ago, and in an effort to become more involved, is attending the ACC meeting.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

It was moved (Tannenbaum/Rand) to approve the minutes of the meeting on February 26, 2018, as amended. Unanimous.

**4. Presentation on 10963 San Pablo Avenue: Art in Public Places Program**

Pinkos provided background of the Art in Public Places program and context of the project at 10963 San Pablo Ave. Karen Eichler, art consultant for that project, gave a presentation on the planned onsite public art work at 10963 San Pablo Ave. The Commissions registered their dissatisfaction with the project, considering it to be more of a design feature than art. The Commissioners also requested that a future presentation be made on the scope of the ordinance and the degree to which the Commission might have more input in the future.

**5. ECCRU Artist-in-Residency Program extension**

Pinkos described the background and intent of the proposed amendment to the ECCRU Agreement for Artist Services, in order to extend Resident Artist Sandy Drobny's term for an additional 6 months.

It was moved (Rand/Cazden) to adopt the First Amendment to Agreement for Artist Services, including the fee of \$600. Unanimous.

Sterba reported on recent meeting with himself, Rand, Drobny, Pinkos, and Recycling Center personnel, regarding the ECCRU Artist in Residency program.

**6. Public Art Fund Budget**

Pinkos provided information on the current and future status of the Public Art Fund. Subsequent discussion included the scope of the Public Art Fund and ways to include a process for public proposals to the ACC.

#### **7. Community Use Days at the Cerrito Theater**

Sterba reported on a proposal to show the film “White Sun” at the Cerrito Theater on Saturday, April 21, 2018, using one of the Community Use Days.

It was moved (Tannenbaum/Rand) to approve the showing of “White Sun” on April 21, 2018, using one of the Community Use Days allotted for 2018. Unanimous.

#### **8. Subcommittee Updates**

- a. ACC/EDC Subcommittee: Cazden and Gager reported on the proposed joint project with EDC (having music at restaurants participating in El Cerrito Restaurant Week. EDC members will survey restaurant owners and report at next EDC meeting.
- b. Poet Laureate Subcommittee: Discussion of proposed timeline for upcoming Call to Artists for Poet Laureate:

April 16, 2018: Call for Poets Released

June 11, 2018: Applications Due

June 18 - 22, 2018: Interviews with Selected Applicants

July 2018: Selection of Artist

September 1, 2018 - August 31, 2020: Term of Poet Laureate

It was moved (Rand/Walsh) to accept the timeline and to have Mina Wilson will be on the selection panel. Unanimous.

- c. Community Outreach Subcommittee: Tannenbaum reported that the subcommittee has had further conversation with the Northern California Tibetan group and has also worked on a draft of a procedure by which proposals to the ACC can be made. This was suggested as an item for the next meeting.

#### **9. Items for Next Meeting**

Proposal for support for Arhoolie show/concert

Discussion of procedure/criteria for proposals to ACC

***Adjourned – 8:45pm***