



**MINUTES OF THE
MEETING OF THE
Arts and Culture Commission
Monday, July 23, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

Approved August 27, 2018

7:00 pm Roll Call

Present: Ruth Cazden, Allison Cooper, George Gager, Judith Tannenbaum.

Absent: Christopher Walsh (excused)

Council Liaison: Councilmember Paul Fadelli

Acting Staff Liaison: Margaret Livingston

1. Commissioners Reports & Liaison Reports

Councilmember Fadelli reported on two items discussed at the July 17, 2018, City Council meeting: fire hazard abatement efforts and the Council's adoption of a resolution to submit to the El Cerrito electorate a measure to approve a City Charter and the proposed Real Property Transfer Tax.

Acting Staff Liaison Livingston read a letter of thanks from the family of Wayne Pope, whose art was featured in a recent Gallery Space exhibit and reception/concert; reported that El Cerrito City Manager Scott Hanin has announced his retirement as of December 2018, and that the City Council subsequently appointed Assistant City Manager Karen Pinkos as City Manager starting in December; reminded commissioners that the annual National Night Out event is August 7, and that residents may register to host a party; announced that Debra Pughe's summer writing workshop was cancelled due to low enrollment; and reported that the 4th of July Festival went well, and thanked the commissioners who helped out at the ACC table.

Commissioner Tannenbaum reported that Debra Pughe will give a one-time writing workshop for the several youths who signed up for her workshop series.

Commissioner Cooper reported that she enjoyed and learned from the 4th of July Festival.

Commissioner Gager stated that he also enjoyed the 4th of July Festival and that he hopes to procure a larger-diameter button-making machine.

2. Comments from the Public

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion (Cooper/Tannenbaum) to approve minutes of June 25, 2018 special meeting:
Passed, unanimous.

4. Acoustic Consideration for the Community Center

Ken Kantor was not present at the meeting and therefore there was no presentation or discussion.

5. Request for Support

Eve Ma, Palomino Productions, was present and asked a series of questions about a possible film/performance series in El Cerrito. There followed a discussion of some specifics and about the proposal process in general. Eve Ma was encouraged to work with Staff Liaison Maya Williams prior to creating a complete proposal for submission to the ACC.

6. ECCRU Artist in Residence Update

Presentation by ECCRU Artist in Residence Sandy Drobny regarding her residency, including the materials she uses, the atmosphere at the Recycling Center, and the events she has conducted. Discussion followed regarding possible timing for her exhibition and considerations regarding the artwork she will donate.

7. Arts Month Planning (taken out of order)

Discussion about the Arts Month subcommittee and plans for the publicity about events in October.

Motion (Tannenbaum/Cooper) to have Walsh begin work on a poster and possible event pamphlet (with art elements in common), using confirmed events to begin with and leaving space for additional events. Passed, unanimous.

8. Subcommittee Updates (taken out of order)

- a. ECCRU Subcommittee – see item #9 below
- b. ACC/EDC Subcommittee – Cazden reported that 3 musical acts have responded to inquiries about possibly performing at restaurants during Restaurant Week. Cazden will attend the EDC meeting on July 25 to represent the ACC.
- c. Community Outreach Subcommittee – no report; discussion about the members of this subcommittee.
- d. Poet Laureate Subcommittee – Tannenbaum reported that new Poet Laureate Dani Gabriel will be presented at the August 21, 2018, City Council meeting. Gabriel will be part of the special collection celebration at the El Cerrito Library on September 4, 2018 and is investigating a possible series of events at Off-The-Grid Wednesday gatherings.

9. ECCRU Update

Motion to create new ECCRU subcommittee (Cooper/Tannenbaum) consisting of Cazden and Cooper. Passed, unanimous. Discussion about the composition of the ECCRU review panel and the timing of the review process.

10. Proposal Process for Commission Support

Discussion about draft Request Guidelines and Arts and Culture Commission Support Request Form. Commissioners will provide staff with suggested changes to the documents and staff will provide updated draft versions.

11. Items for Next Meeting

Proposal process for Commission support

Presentation by Eve Ma for a film/performance series in El Cerrito

Presentation by Ken Kantor re acoustics at Community Center

Adjourned Time: 8:28 pm