



**MINUTES OF THE  
MEETING OF THE  
Arts and Culture Commission  
Monday, March 25, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.**

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

*Approved June 24, 2019*

**7:02 pm Roll Call**

Present: Allison Cooper, Richard Fernandez, George Gager, Amei Papitto, Judith Tannenbaum, Christopher Walsh

Absent: Ruth Cazden (excused)

Council Liaison: Janet Abelson

Staff Liaison: Maya Williams

**1. Commissioners Reports & Liaison Reports**

Liaison Abelson reported on major actions taken by the Council at recent meetings.

Liaison Williams reported on recent updates within the City.

Commissioner Walsh reported that he will create a poster featuring current ECCRU Artist in Residence Erin McCluskey Wheeler, for placement at the Recycling Center.

**2. Comments from the Public**

El Cerrito resident and artist Bruce Papitto offered to share his experiences regarding public art projects and procedure, in regards to supporting public art in El Cerrito.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Motion (Walsh/Fernandez) to approve minutes of February 25, 2019 meeting: Passed, 6-0.

**4. Discussion and Possible Action**

Motion (Walsh/Cooper) to request staff to schedule either May 28, 2019 or June 3, 2019, as date for re-scheduled May 2019 ACC meeting, as the regular date falls on the Memorial Day holiday. Passed, 6-0.

**5. Request for Support**

Musician Daniel Plonsey presented a proposal for ACC support for a possible musical concert at Arlington Clubhouse in May 2019.

Motion (Gager/Fernandez) to fund the music concert on May 11, 2019 at the Arlington Clubhouse, in the amount of \$250 for performers and to fund the venue cost in an amount not to exceed \$225. It was stipulated that Plonsey will provide ACC with financial and attendance report, following the event. Passed, 6-0.

**6. ECCRU Residency Extension**

Motion (Cooper/Fernandez) to extend the current ECCRU residency through July 30, 2019, and to permanently extend the residency term from 6 months to 9 months (one term per year).

**7. Earth Day Tabling**

Walsh, Cooper and Gager will staff the ACC table at Earth Day on Saturday, April 13, 2019. They will collect the necessary supplies from staff at City Hall prior to that date.

**8. Update and Discussion**

- a. Liaison Williams has been contacted by Lindy Hop contact person.
- b. Supplies are being coordinated for the April 20, 2019 joint ACC/HRC “Housing and Home” event. Walsh created a flyer and commissioners are encouraged to distribute them.

**9. Proposal Process for Commission Support**

This item will be postponed to a later date so that the evaluation process can be aligned with the Master Plan and the Work Plan.

**10. ACC Support for Improvements to Acoustics at Community Center**

Discussion regarding possible financial support for acoustic upgrades to the Community Center.

Motion (Fernandez/Walsh) to provide funds not to exceed \$2500 for acoustic upgrades to Community Center. Passed, 6-0.

**11. Subcommittee Updates**

- a. No updates from Performance Space subcommittee
- b. Publicity subcommittee: Walsh requested that publicity efforts for the April 20, 2019 “Housing and Home” event be noted on the publicity spreadsheet.
- c. No updates from the Review subcommittee.

**12. Items for Next Meeting**

Work Plan/Master Plan

**Adjourned Time:** 8:19 pm