



AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

Monday, March 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Staff Liaison

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VIA TELECONFERENCE

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7:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Allison Cooper; Vice-Chair Blake Washington; Members: George Gager, Courtney Helion, Bill Nichols, Ann Wiens
2. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**
3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
Remarks are typically limited to three minutes per person, and may be on anything within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body. Remarks on non-agenda items will be heard first; remarks on agenda items will be heard at the time the item is discussed.
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
Consider approval of the minutes of the February 22, 2021 meeting.
(Attachment)
5. **POET LAUREATE PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION**
6. **WORKPLAN DISCUSSION**
Discussion and possible action regarding the 2021 Workplan and ongoing projects. (Attachments)

7. UPCOMING ACC-SPONSORED EVENTS

Discussion and possible action re: October Arts Month.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Community Outreach Subcommittee (Gager, Washington)
- b. Visual Arts Subcommittee (Cooper, Helion, Nichols)

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

10. ADJOURNMENT

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DRAFT MINUTES

MEETING OF THE Arts and Culture Commission

Monday, February 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

This meeting was held via teleconference.

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This Meeting Place is Wheelchair Accessible

CONVENE REGULAR MEETING Chair Cooper called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

1. **ROLL CALL – Present:** Chair Cooper, Vice Chair Washington. Member Gager, Member Helion, Member Nichols, Member Wiens. **Absent:** None

2. **COMMISSIONERS REPORTS AND COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS**

Chair Cooper reminded everyone the opportunity to join the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce and the Contra Costa Civic Theatre in a roundtable discussion of the arts in El Cerrito. She announced Commissioner Cazden has resigned and the El Cerrito Library signage project is completed.

Staff Liaison Alex Orogas reported on upcoming web conference platform transition and provided updates on Utility Boxes Program. She also announced the reappointments of Members Gager, Nichols, and Vice Chair Washington.

3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved/Second: Member Nichols/Member Wiens **Action:** Motion to Approve January 25, 2021 meeting minutes.

Ayes: Chair Cooper; Vice Chair Washington, Members Gager, Helion, Nichols, and Wiens. **Noes:** None.

Action: Approved minutes.

5. **PARK AND RECREATION COLLABORATION**

Member Helion reported the collaboration efforts have not been successful and suggested to put the collaboration on hold.

Staff Liaison Orogas offered a few options regarding collaboration and for the future of the subcommittee.

6. WORKPLAN DISCUSSION

Staff Liaison Orologas presented the item and Commissioners discussed the current state of the ACC Work Plan and some ideas for new art projects. The Commission asked for this item to be on the next agenda under possible action in order to create a subcommittee to discuss a possible set-aside for larger projects and a cap on the mini-grant program.

7. UPCOMING ACC-SPONSORED EVENTS

Chair Cooper suggested some possible events for Arts Month in October. Vice Chair Washington suggested hosting virtual events is also an option. Chair Cooper requested that October Arts Month be added to the next agenda under Upcoming ACC-Sponsored Events.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES

- a. Community Outreach Subcommittee (Cazden, Gager, Washington)
- b. Recreation Liaison Subcommittee (Cazden, Cooper, Helion)
- c. Visual Arts Subcommittee (Cooper, Helion, Nichols)

Vice Chair Washington from Community Outreach Subcommittee reported that Member Cazden has resigned.

Chair Cooper and Member Helion stated that they had provided a detailed update under Agenda Item #5 re: Recreation Liaison Subcommittee.

Chair Cooper reported that the Visual Arts Subcommittee has completed the signage project and will be working on two additional projects, Story Walk and Rooftop Mural, with the El Cerrito Library

9. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Additional discussion, event planning, and possible actions. Election of new chair and vice chair.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Allison Cooper, Chair

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Arts and Culture Commission meeting of February 22, 2021 as approved by the Arts and Culture Commission.

Alexandra Orologas, Staff Liaison

Goal A: Increase access to public art in the community	Goal B: Support the local artistic and cultural community	Goal C: Promote excellence in the arts	Goal D: Beautify El Cerrito	Timeframe Focus
Public Utility Box Pilot Program	Public Utility Box Pilot Program	Public Utility Box Pilot Program	Public Utility Box Pilot Program	First Half of 2021
Poet Laureate Program	Poet Laureate Program	Poet Laureate Program		First Half of 2021
Library Signage Project	Library Signage Project		Library Signage Project	First Half of 2021
Grants/Sponsorship of Art & Events	Grants/Sponsorship of Art & Events	Grants/Sponsorship of Art & Events	Grants/Sponsorship of Art & Events	First Half of 2021
ECCRU Artist in Residence	ECCRU Artist in Residence	ECCRU Artist in Residence		Possible Second Half of 2021, or early 2022?
City Hall Gallery	City Hall Gallery	City Hall Gallery		2022
Community Orchestra Program	Community Orchestra Program	Community Orchestra Program		2022
Event Tabling	Event Tabling			2022
Art Acquisition				2022

1. What is the ACC NOT doing?
2. What in the Master Plan needs to be modified?

Grants/Sponsorship of Art & Events

	Music	Literary	Visual Art	Dance	Children	Youth	Adult
ECHS Jazz Festival	●					●	●
Messy Art Day			●		●		
4 th of July Festival	●			●	●	●	●
Music of El Cerrito	●				●	●	●
One City One Book		●				●	●
Free Folk Festival	●				●	●	●
Restaurant Week Music	●						

* Mini-Grant Applications not included in list above, however is included in category of Grants/Sponsorship of Art & Events.