



MINUTES
OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
MEETING OF
Wednesday, March 16, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall
Hillside Room
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Chair Hawley Called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

All Commissioners were present: Bhandari, Donovan, Franco, Halasz, Hawley, Lupinsky

1. Council / Staff Liaison / Commissioners Reports

Mayor Cheng spoke about the importance of Redevelopment and provided an update on recent Council activities; Staff Liaison Iarla said the San Pablo Avenue Historical & Cultural Pavers Project is still in progress and shared comments on the mural at Del Norte BART Station.

2. Comments from the Public

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

Motion (Donovan/Lupinsky) to approve the February 16, 2011 minutes with date correction was approved. Unanimous.

4. City Hall Gallery Space Exhibits for 2011

The Commission reviewed the five submissions and made the following selection for future exhibits in the Gallery Space:

- Mic DBernardo and Zohra Kalinkowitz – selected for joint show
- Jan Wurm – selected by a vote of 4 ayes/2 nos
- Jason T. Campbell, Melissa Kreisa - declined

Commissioners Bhandari and Franco will work with selected artists with Staff Liaison Iarla.

5. San Pablo Avenue Icons

Artists Jonathan Russell and Saori Ide provided a brief update on the project and presented drawing for most of the icons, followed by discussion and feedback to artists. No drawings were considered to be inappropriate for the project.

6. Liaison Assignments

This item was taken out of order – Commissioner Lupinsky said he spoke with the current President of the El Cerrito Art Association; they have a new website and their annual art show will be in October. Commissioner Bhandari provided an AC5 update including their recent awards and planning for “artist’s cafes”. Commissioner Halasz said he spoke with the Rialto Cinemas Cerrito theater manager and introduced himself.

7. Items for Next Meeting/Future Meetings: Earth Day 2011 Participation, July 4th Festival Participation, Artist’s Database, Request from Friends of Library, Arts and Culture Master Plan Next Steps, 510Arts.com, 2011 Folk Festival, Proposal for Dance Event

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.