



**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
Wednesday, May 18, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall
Hillside Room
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito**

Roll Call

Chair Hawley called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Commissioners Donovan, Franco, Halasz, Hawley, Lupinsky were present.

1. Council / Staff Liaison / Commissioners Reports

It was announced that Commissioner Dyana Bhandari has resigned. Everyone wished her well and thanked her for her time on the Commission; Mayor Cheng spoke about recent Council actions; Staff Liaison Iarla provided an update on the installed Historic-Cultural Pavers, the in-progress 10860 San Pablo Avenue Student Art Wall and the El Cerrito Folk Festival, scheduled for 10/22/11.

2. Comments from the Public

Resident Sandi Potter asked if someone could apply to serve on the ACC if they have already served two terms.

3. Approval of Minutes

After review, there was discussion of the April 20, 2011 minutes. Halasz thought the motion was only a request for the artists to provide an alternate design, not a rejection of the current proposal. After discussion, it was moved (Halasz/Donovan) to amend the action taken in April to replace "use a new approach" with "present an alternate design." Motion carried 4-0 (Lupinsky abstained.)

Note: The revised April motion asks the Artists to present an alternate design including a plan detailing the new approach for the whole Avenue and three images that are:

- Abstract
- Non-color or copper
- Sculptural
- Integrated
- Uniquely stylistic

4. San Pablo Avenue Icons

Assistant City Manager Karen Pinkos provided a PowerPoint presentation (attached) about the San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Public Art Project. During the presentation, Commissioners and members of the public (Sandi Potter, Linda Moss) asked questions of staff, including Pinkos, Iarla and Assistant City Attorney Inga Lintvedt about the background and status of the project and options for next steps. Staff reported that after the April meeting, the Artists contacted staff and expressed that they want to continue to work with the ACC and are willing to go in a new direction. However, their lawyer wants to ensure the contract is being followed by both parties. It was determined by the City Attorney that the ACC motion made in April to direct the artists to submit an alternate design was not procedurally in the correct order per the contract since the artists have not

yet presented the final design proposal, nor have the Artists been provided with written, specific reasons for the Commission's rejection.

Since the Artists are willing to submit a final design proposal for the ACC to consider at their June meeting, it was agreed to hear the design proposal at the next ACC meeting (to be conducted as a public hearing). At that time, the ACC may approve the design, approve it with changes, or disapprove it altogether. If disapproved, the ACC could ask the Artists for an alternate design or make a recommendation to the City Council to terminate the contract. Staff will determine the date of the June meeting based on availability of the Council Chambers and availability of Commissioners and the Artists.

5. Gallery Space

After review of the seven submissions for future exhibits in the Gallery Space, the Commission selected Evelyn Groch, Kevin Proctor and the El Cerrito Art Association outdoor painting group to show in the Gallery Space and provided staff with direction.

6. Liaison Assignments

Liaison updates were postponed to the next meeting.

7. Items for Next Meeting/Future Meetings

Chair Hawley will work with Iarla on the agenda for the next meeting.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:31 p.m.