



MINUTES
OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
Tuesday, September 27, 2011, 7:00 p.m.
El Cerrito City Hall
Council Chambers
10890 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

Roll Call

Chair Hawley called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Commissioners Donovan, Halasz, Hawley, and Lupinsky were present at the beginning of the meeting.

1. Council / Staff Liaison / Commissioners Reports

There were no Council or Staff liaison updates.

2. Comments from the Public

Ken Hayes with the El Cerrito Free Folk Festival provided an update on the upcoming event and invited everyone to attend.

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved (Halasz/Lupinsky) to approve the minutes of the special meeting of August 17, 2011. Unanimous

4. Discussion and Possible Action regarding “Do It Yourself” Arts Fair to be held on Saturday, October 15, 2011

Staff Liaison Iarla presented information about the City’s California Arts Day event, the “Do It Yourself” Arts Fair to be held at the Community Center on Saturday, October 15, 2011 and thanked the planning committee of Commissioners Donovan & Franco, Kathleen Glenn and Pam Fingado for all their work. The Commission provided input regarding the planning/logistics for the event.

5. Liaison Assignments (taken out of order)

Commissioner Lupinsky provided an update about the El Cerrito Art Association Annual Art Show; Commissioner Donovan announced Contra Costa Civic Theater’s current show is “Chicago”.

The Commission took a short recess. Commissioner Franco joined the meeting.

6. Discussion and Possible Action regarding the San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Public Art Project

Staff Liaison Iarla provided a brief introduction and artists Jonathan Russell and Saori Ide gave a presentation regarding the San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Public Art new (alternate) conceptual design proposal. The Commissioners and Artists discussed the new conceptual designs.

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Tom Panas spoke about the process for this art project and expressed some concern that previous public outreach indicated the icons would be representational of El Cerrito and there might be some confusion regarding the meaning of the new abstract images.

Marguerite Gosline spoke. She and her daughter were attending the meeting so her daughter could learn more about the public art process. She liked the abstract images.

After deliberation, it was moved (Donovan/Halasz) to direct the artists to proceed in developing a full (detailed) design proposal for the 12 abstract kinetic sculptures on light poles. The Artists agreed to come back in November with multiple images and a timeline for the revised project.

7. Items for Next Meeting/Future Meetings:

Not Discussed

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.