

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ARTS COMMISSION
6:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 9, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Choppé called to order the regular meeting of the Arts Commission at 6:33p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Rasmussen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Choppé, to approve the agenda.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Dow, second by Rasmussen, to approve the minutes of March 12, 2015.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

ARTS SPOTLIGHT

There was no Arts Spotlight for this month. The representative from the College of the Canyons Arts and Entertainment Initiative will be invited to a future meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Laurie Ender, Dee Dee Jacobson, and Larry Comp, representing Family Promise, thanked Chair Choppé and presented him with a plaque, in appreciation of his assistance in producing the annual Box City event.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 1

COMMISSION STUDY SESSIONS

Superintendent Hardy led a discussion on how the Arts Commission can have dialogue with local artists to understand the issues facing the Santa Clarita arts community.

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Dow, for the Arts Commission to allow the Cultural Planning Group to complete the arts master plan process, which includes a significant outreach to the local arts community, determine what pressing issues are facing the arts community, and make recommendations on how to address these issues.

Commissioner Shapiro and Commissioner Rasmussen will form an ad hoc committee to meet with artists and the community on a regular basis.

ITEM 2

COMMISSION MEETING RELOCATION

Superintendent Hardy led a discussion on moving the monthly Arts Commission meetings to the Old Town Newhall Library through the month of October to coincide with the Thursdays at Newhall series.

Consensus by the Commission to continue holding the Arts Commission meetings at City Hall.

ARTS COMMISSION COMMENTS AND UPDATES

Commissioner Dow had no comments or updates.

Commissioner Shapiro was very excited about the Arts and Entertainment Summit and the Stakeholder meeting. The consultants said that attendance at arts and cultural events is significantly out of the valley, so this is an incredible opportunity to build audiences locally. She heard in her focus group at the Summit that many people would like to see more of a presence of Cal Arts students and Cal Arts programming in the community. She thanked the people who came to the Arts Summit, and also thanked those who sent the Arts and Entertainment Surveys out.

Commissioner Rasmussen thanked staff for the Revved Up events. She asked if there will be Sheriff's directing traffic at the Cowboy Festival. Administrator Lantis answered yes, and explained. She stated that Dinner with Friends begins at the Repertory East Playhouse on May 8.

Commissioner Choppé thought the study session was very encouraging. He asked for an update on the Arts Master Plan Status Report.

ARTS MASTER PLAN STATUS REPORT

Superintendent Hardy shared the following:

- The survey is going to remain open longer and the interviews with Dr. Van Hook and Dr. Steven Lavine have been rescheduled.

STAFF COMMENTS

Superintendent Hardy shared the following updates:

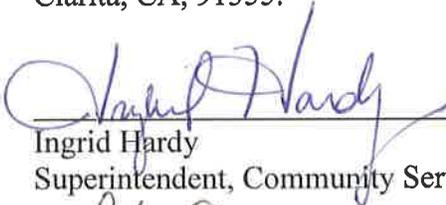
- The Joint City Council/Planning, Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, Arts Commission Budget Study Session, will be held on Tuesday, May 5, at 5:30 p.m., in the Century Room, at City Hall.
- This Saturday, April 11, is Earth Arbor Day, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., at Central Park.
- Next weekend, April 17-19, is the Cowboy Festival
- The Western Tiger Swallowtail Butterfly has been installed at Central Park. Parks staff did a wonderful job.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Choppé adjourned the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the Arts Commission will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, first floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA, 91355.



Ingrid Hardy
Superintendent, Community Services



Gary Choppé, Chair
Arts Commission

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