

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ARTS COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 15, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Millar called to order the regular meeting of the Arts Commission at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were present, with the exception of Commissioner Schmidt.

FLAG SALUTE

Jack Dow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fisher, second by Strickland, to approve the minutes of March 18, 2010.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Strickland, second by Dow, to approve the agenda.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

ARTS SPOTLIGHT

Santa Clarita Shakespeare Festival – performers were unable to attend the meeting.

ARTS RECOGNITIONS

Hart High School Regiment Band
2010 California All-Star Jazz Choir Selectees

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Dow asked if more than one group can be featured in the Arts Spotlight. With many groups in the City, it will be easier to get them all to be featured in a timely manner.

Consensus to have two groups featured at each Commission meeting.

Commissioner Fisher asked about the All Corked Up Wine Festival at College of the Canyons. Last year, ten local artists participated. This year, All Corked Up are featuring big name, out-of-town artists. Would like to get the Commission support to encourage more local artists be included in this event.

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, informed Commission that this is a private event and All Corked Up decides on who is featured. City staff could send a letter on behalf of the Commission with their concerns. It was suggested that Commissioners sit in on the event planning for next year to provide input and help shape the event for the next five years.

Chair Millar presented an update to the City Council on March 23, 2010, on the Arts Commission. It was well received and Council asked for the presentation to be on the agenda again in the future. Also requested, was an update on participating in the Americans for the Arts.

Commissioner Strickland asked if the Council agenda could be adjusted to have Commission updates on a quarterly basis rather than twice a year.

Director Gould informed Commissioners that the Council Committee Analysis done by the Management Analysts last December recommended having yearly updates for all commissions. The Arts Commission update is scheduled for the May 25, 2010, meeting.

Phil Lantis, Arts and Events Administrator, informed the Commission that they were given the approval to participate in the Americans for the Arts. Over the next two years, the cost is \$7,500 to participate in the Americans for the Arts and is a partnership between the Arts and Events Office and Economic Development.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

ITEM 1

CITY OF SANTA CLARITA ARTS GRANTS 2010-11 PROPOSAL

Phil Lantis gave a PowerPoint presentation regarding the arts grants selection process.

Motion made to approve the proposal, moved that the Ad-hoc Committee present this proposal to the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission and then to the City Council.

Motion by Fisher, second by Dow, to approve the proposal and to present the proposal to the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission, and then take to the City Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 2

PUBLIC ART PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Phil Lantis gave a PowerPoint presentation on current and upcoming public art projects.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 3

MCBEAN REGIONAL TRANSIT CENTER PUBLIC ART PROJECT

Phil Lantis gave a PowerPoint presentation on the new art project and possible themes of the art piece.

Motion by Fisher, second by Dow, to approve the theme of the Call to Artists as a contemporary piece which has elements of movement and is transit related (tires, auto parts) Transit Center Public Art Project.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Millar left the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

ARTS COMMISSION INITIATIVES UPDATES

Commissioner Fisher stated that several meetings have taken place and that the committee is making great progress with the development of the Request For Qualifications.

Commissioner Dow's committee is focused on creating awareness of what Santa Clarita already has locally for the arts. Committee is reviewing assessments of internet information and what it currently has regarding arts in the community. Assessment is halfway done.

Commissioner Strickland has met with the ad-hoc committee at Rancho Pico Junior High School. Of the 50 people who were invited, 25 attended. This was an introductory meeting, and a great deal was learned. There is great interest in promoting the arts in the valley. Thank you to Donna Avila for her hard work.

STAFF COMMENTS

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, shared an up-to-date handout of the City staff organization chart. Cowboy Festival is April 24-25. Tributefest is May 1, at Central Park. The Joint Study Session on the budget will be on May 4, in the Century Room. In memory of the late Commissioner Ed Redd, Councilmember McLean asked staff to find a location at the Newhall Community Center for a room to be named after him. The teen room is the proposed room.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Strickland adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Arts Commission will be held on Thursday, May 20, 2010, at 6:00 p.m., in Council Chambers, first floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA.

Richard E. Gould, Director
Parks, Recreation, and Community Services

Dr. Michael Millar, Chair
Arts Commission

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