

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ARTS COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 18, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Millar called to order the regular meeting of the Arts Commission at 6:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Fisher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Fisher, second by Dow, to approve the minutes of January 21, 2010.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Fisher would like to change the area of subcommittee focus to Public Art and Arts Events. Battle of the Bands and a Dance Competition are being held at Saugus High. "Love is in the Air" music and art gala is on March 14, at the Hyatt Valencia. On February 14, the Repertory East Playhouse opening night of "Lost in Yonkers" was sold out. Great job to Ovington Michael Owston and Mike Schwimmer on the first time opening night was sold out.

Commissioner Dow asked about the previous Commission meeting minutes and the minutes in general. Recommended that City staff work with Commissioner Fisher on the process of how public art is chosen. Asked if other City staff send information to the art community. If they do, he suggested the Commission see it first. Inquired about the booking process for local group users of the Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center at College of the Canyons.

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services responded that meeting minutes at the City are on action items only, not a general overview of the entire meeting. This action item process is used for City Council meetings and for the other two commissions. Clarification was provided on the selection process for the First Floor Gallery, Santa Clarita Presents, Community Services Grants and awards.

Commissioner Strickland stated that this is a new Commission and a process is being developed to provide the Commission with information. Reminded all about the constraints of the Brown Act. Suggested the Commission Chair meet with the Director a week prior to the meeting. Attended two Study Sessions and is thrilled the City has a 15 percent reserve and is proud of the

City for that. At the second Study Session, interest was expressed in Arts Education and Advocacy. Met with Pat Willett at the William S. Hart Union High School District and will relay information to the Arts and Events staff. Glad to see all the people in the audience.

Commissioner Schmidt thanked all who attended the Commission meeting and the Arts Advisory Committee members for starting the groundwork for the Commission. Looking into what the community needs are and will get in touch with groups about them. Mentioned article in *The Signal* about ESCAPE Theater and the performance of Lil' Abner.

Chair Millar asked how to handle recognitions and spotlights, and the best ways to contact City staff and invite the groups to the meeting. The profiles received back from the art groups will be beneficial with the information provided to the Commission. Chair requested a comprehensive list of all groups who have returned the profiles. The fourth phase of the Americans for the Arts-Arts and Economic Prosperity Study is beginning now. It was asked if Santa Clarita was planning to participate, or if it is possible to participate in the next round.

Director Gould informed Commission that staff will look into entering the City into the fourth phase of the Americans for the Arts-Arts and Economic Prosperity Study if funding is available.

ARTS SPOTLIGHT

West Creek Elementary Principal Cory Pak

Principal Cory Pak gave a presentation about the new school scheduled to be open for the 2010-11 school year.

Commission received and commented.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kim Adam from SCVi Charter School spoke and volunteered to be part of the Arts Education Subcommittee.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 1

OVERVIEW OF THE FUNCTIONAL PROCESS TO PREPARE THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET SUMMITTAL

Director Gould presented a PowerPoint overview on the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department process utilized to develop the Fiscal Year 2010-11 budget

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 2

CITY OF SANTA CLARITA ARTS GRANT PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Director Gould presented a PowerPoint presentation on the City of Santa Clarita Presents grant program supports local organizations that offer performances at the Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center at College of the Canyons. The Community Services grant program offers funding to support local organizations providing community benefit to the Santa Clarita Valley. The City of Santa Clarita Presents grant program review and rating of applications will be on the agenda for the March 18, 2010, Arts Commission meeting.

Commission received and commented.

STAFF COMMENTS

Director Gould informed Commission that Brown Act training will be held before the next meeting at 4:00 p.m. Staff contact information will be sent out for the subcommittees.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Millar adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The Arts Commission will hold a Study Session on Monday, March 1, 2010, at 3:00 p.m. in the Orchard Rooms, first floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA.

The next regular meeting of the Arts Commission will be held on Thursday, March 18, 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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