

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ARTS COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 21, 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.

FLAG SALUTE

Jackson Dow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Dow, second by Strickland, to approve the minutes of December 17, 2009.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Dow spoke about conversations with City staff and other people regarding the Third Thursday Artwalks in Newhall which are going strong. LA County has an artwalk on the second Thursday of the month. The Newhall Artwalk has artists booked through June of this year. It was asked if the evening of the Arts Commission meeting could be moved to a different night.

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, responded that the meeting date is an ordinance that was approved by the City Council for the third Thursday of the month. If the Commission wants the meeting date changed, it has to go back to the Council and could take up to four months. The meeting time can be changed to a later time by the Commission. Staff will meet with the Artwalk and see if they would be willing to move to the first Thursday.

Commissioner Strickland spoke about how important it is as a group to recognize and show support with schools. Saugus High School is having a performance of "Fantastic's," the longest running Broadway play for the next two weekends. Hart High School show choir is having their Cabaret show tonight and tomorrow.

Chair Millar stated that the art groups need to be engaged and have a needs assessment done. Suggested a monthly spotlight on an arts organization and have them come to a Commission meeting and give a brief presentation on who they are and what they are about. A profile form will be sent to all local arts groups to fill out so the Commissioners can review the groups information.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

There were none.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

ITEM 1

CITY OF SANTA CLARITA ARTS OVERVIEW AND LEADERSHIP PLAN

Phil Lantis, Arts and Events Administrator, presented an overview of art projects in the City and discussed the Arts Advisory Committee recommendations for the Commission.

Commission received and commented.

STAFF COMMENTS

Rick Gould reminded the Commissioners about the Joint Study Session on February 2 with the City Council and other commissions regarding the budget. The City Manager's Office and the Finance Division provide an overview for the budget for Fiscal Year 2010-11. At the end of the meeting, Commissioners can make comments. A two hour Brown Act training with the new City Clerk, Sarah Gorman, will be scheduled soon. Meetings with each Arts Commissioner have been scheduled with the City Manager on February 1. Photos need to be taken of the Commissioners for the website and the wall in Suite 120. Please schedule your portrait time. Commissioner bios are posted on the City's website. A Study Session date and time will be scheduled for the Arts Commission and the former Arts Advisory Committee to meet before the next commission meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Millar adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

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