

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
ARTS COMMISSION  
5:00 p.m.  
Thursday, December 17, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, called to order the regular meeting of the Arts Commission at 5:09 p.m.

Mary Cusick, Interim Deputy City Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to the new Commissioners and presented the commissioners with Certificates of Appointment.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Rick Gould asked for a nomination to elect a new Chair. Motion by Schmidt, second by Fisher, to nominate Commissioner Millar as Commission Chair.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Chair Millar asked for a nomination to elect a new Vice Chair. Motion by Schmidt, second by Millar, to nominate Commissioner Strickland as Vice Chair.**

**Motion carried unanimously.**

Mayor Weste congratulated and welcomed the new Arts Commissioners to the City family, and wished the commission well on behalf of the entire City Council. The Mayor commented that the Arts Commission is the first new City commission since the 1980s.

Ken Pulskamp, City Manager, congratulated the Arts Commissioners and stated that City staff are very supportive and are looking forward to working with them.

**ROLL CALL**

All Commissioners were present.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Dava Millar led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS**

Commissioner Dow thanked the community and City Council for their support. He is very proud of the local arts organizations and is looking to increase visibility to the arts.

Commissioner Fisher is very excited to be a part of the new commission. She is proud to serve the community. The quality of life improves through the arts.

Commissioner Schmidt is happy to be a part of the commission. He makes his living in the arts and is thankful to the City Council for recognizing arts value in the community. He wants to focus on educating our youth and making the community better through the arts.

Commissioner Strickland is thrilled to be a commissioner, and stated that 15-20 percent of the head of households in Santa Clarita work in the arts. He is happy to serve as a commissioner and is excited for the new direction the arts will take in defining Santa Clarita.

Chair Millar thanked the City, the citizens, and fellow commissioners for the formation of the commission. He stated that the commissioners are here to serve the community and promote the arts in the community.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Diane Trautman congratulated the commissioners and stated she is very happy about this day and is excited for the work that is going to be done. Former Arts Advisory Committee members are available to help in any way.

Jaylene Armstrong stated she researched Arts Commissions and will submit the strategic plan for the arts for commissioners to review.

Adam Phillipson, College of the Canyons Performing Arts Center Manager, congratulated the new Commissioners and is willing to work with them to bring art to the community and looks forward to great things.

### **STAFF COMMENTS**

Rick Gould discussed the commission manuals that were provided to the new commissioners and told the commissioners that staff is here to help. Commission mailboxes are in Suite 120. The commissioners email address is [artscommissioners@santa-clarita.com](mailto:artscommissioners@santa-clarita.com). Meetings for commissioners will be scheduled with the City Manager, City Attorney, and Phil Lantis to review the Brown Act and to decide the future of the Arts Commission.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Millar adjourned the meeting at 5:34 p.m.

### **FUTURE MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Arts Commission will be held on Thursday, January 21, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, first floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA.

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

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Dr. Michael Millar, Chair  
Arts Commission

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