

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ARTS COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 20, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Millar called to order the regular meeting of the Arts Commission at 6:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Fisher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Strickland, second by Dow, to approve the minutes of April 15, 2010.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

ARTS SPOTLIGHT

Santa Clarita Shakespeare Festival - David Stears gave a presentation to the Commission.

ARTS RECOGNITIONS

None at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Schmidt met with the Facilities Committee about creating a survey to send to art groups soon. Asked Commissioners to look at the survey and comment to assure it is thorough. Asked that comments be submitted in the next two weeks.

Commissioner Strickland participated as a judge of artwork for a Congressional Art Contest. Over 100 pieces of art were submitted. The winner's art piece will be displayed in Washington, DC in the Canon Tunnel for one year. The winner of the contest was a student from Saugus High School.

Commissioner Fisher also participated in the judging of the Congressional Art Contest. Met with the Public Art Committee and has been meeting with many different departments in the City.

Chair Millar congratulated Commissioner Strickland on being appointed to work for Assemblyman Smyth. Attended the Cowboy Festival and it was wonderful. Great job by the City staff. The new City website looks great. Asked for items to be corrected and added to the Arts Commission webpage. In the Mayor's portion of the budget, there is a request that a foundation be created. Asked how the Commission can achieve this status.

Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, informed the Commission that the City Manager's Office approved staff time to do the legal work on the creation of a foundation. An ad hoc initiative group should be formed that can work on the details of what the foundation will do.

Motion by Dow, second by Fisher, to propose an ad hoc committee for the formation of a 501(c)3 foundation that will be led by Chair Millar and Commissioner Strickland.

Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None at this time.

ITEM 1

NEWHALL ART PROJECTS AND AD HOC COMMITTEE AND ROUNDABOUT PROJECT

Jeff Barber, Arts and Events Supervisor, presented to the Commission upcoming projects in Newhall and the formation of an ad hoc committee.

Motion by Schmidt, second by Strickland, to nominate Commissioners Dow and Fisher to the ad hoc committee for future projects in Old Town Newhall.

Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 2

MCBEAN REGIONAL TRANSIT CENTER FINALIST SELECTION

Jeff Barber presented to the Commission the 44 submissions received for the Call to Artists and noted the top three vote receivers.

Motion by Dow, second by Strickland, to move forward with the three finalists to develop concepts for the project.

Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3

NEWHALL COMMUNITY CENTER / ARTREE MURAL PROJECT

Jeff Barber introduced Bob Hernandez, President of the Artree, to give a presentation on a summer program the organization is providing at the Newhall Community Center for teens and discussed a mural to be painted on a privately-owned building in Newhall.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 4

BUDGET JOINT STUDY SESSION REVIEW

Chair Millar led the discussion on proposed budget cuts to the City of Santa Clarita Presents Grant Funding for the 2010-11 fiscal year.

Motion by Dow, second by Strickland, to have Chair Millar represent the Arts Commission at the City Council meeting on May 25, 2010, regarding the budget cuts to the City of Santa Clarita Presents grant funding, and requested that cuts be found in other parts of the City's budget.

Motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Schmidt left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

ITEM 5

CITY COUNCIL PRESENTATION

Director Gould stated to the Commission that Chair Millar is slated to give an update on the Arts Commission at the June 8, 2010, City Council meeting.

Motion by Strickland, second by Fisher to have Chair Millar present an update to the City Council on the Arts Commission at the June 8, 2010, City Council meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

ARTS COMMISSION INITIATIVES UPDATE

Commissioner Fisher reported during Commissioner Comments.

Commissioner Dow informed Commission his report was not in the packet due to it not being turned in. Committee is finishing internet review. Tool development and community art website are about 75 percent complete. Repeated a request to have a Study Session with Economic Development.

Commissioner Strickland has had two meetings with his subcommittee. Committee is lucky to have Arts and Events Coordinator Donna Avila working with them.

Chair Millar presented to 661Arts on May 20. Phil Lantis, Arts and Events Administrator, is scheduling meetings with art groups for the Chair to make a presentation to them. Committee is

putting together information for Americans for the Arts. If anyone needs to contact Americans for the Arts, please go through Phil so he can get the correct information needed.

PUBLIC ART PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Jeff Barber presented the Commission with updates on current art projects taking place throughout the City.

STAFF COMMENTS

Director Gould, informed Commissioners who were appointed by Councilmembers re-elected on April 13, 2010, that they must re-apply for the Commission. Please remember you will not have to fill this paperwork out for another four years. Please share your ideas for Arts Recognitions with Phil Lantis. The Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Commission take suggestions from the community for their recognitions. The Arts Commission will hold a Study Session on June 3, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. with Economic Development. Economic Development will make a presentation about efforts they are working on, including initial discussions for a future conference center.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Millar adjourned the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next Study Session of the Arts Commission will be held on Thursday, June 3, 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, June 17, 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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