

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ARTS COMMISSION**

6:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 17, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Strickland 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 Chair Millar, who entered the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Fisher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Schmidt, second by Dow, to approve the minutes of May 20, 2010.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Dow to change the order of New Business moving Ad Hoc Arts Foundation Subcommittee proposal to the first agenda item and moving Ad Hoc Grants Subcommittee Proposal to the second agenda item, second by Schmidt.

Motion by Dow, second by Fisher, to approve amended agenda.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Dow attended the show "The Producers" at the Canyon Theater Guild. Attended Newhall School Districts art show at Valencia Valley Elementary where artwork by students from kindergarten to sixth grade covered the walls from floor to ceiling. Attended Wiley Canyon Elementary performance of the Three Little Pigs. Attended the art reception for the "Final Lap" at the Aquatic Center.

Commissioner Schmidt attended the closing reception of the Recycled Work of Art exhibit at the Town Center Mall. Spoke with some of the artists.

Commissioner Fisher attended the "Final Lap" reception. Wonderful artwork by artist Bob Hernandez.

Commissioner Strickland spent time attending High School graduations that included singing and poetry. From this display of talent, the arts are alive and well in Santa Clarita.

Chair Millar attended the Master Chorale concert this month. Attended the "Final Lap" reception at the Aquatic Center. Has spoken to the City Council twice since the last Arts Commission meeting. The proposed cuts to the City of Santa Clarita Presents grants are going through. The PowerPoint presentation put together by Arts and Events Administrator, Phil Lantis, was well received by the Council.

PRESENTATIONS TO THE COMMISSION

Proxart – Nate Ryan, Director of Proxart gave a PowerPoint presentation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Scott Bruckner spoke about Artree and the goals the group is achieving.

ITEM 1

AD HOC ARTS FOUNDATION SUBCOMMITTEE PROPOSAL

Commissioner Strickland gave a presentation on the proposal to form a community-wide arts foundation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Phil Ellis spoke regarding the formation of a foundation and one failure of the proposal is that it does not say what the foundation is going to do.

TimBen Boydston thanked the City for not taking all of the funding away from the City of Santa Clarita Presents grants. The staff report regarding the foundation leaves a lot of questions unanswered. More research needs to be done before foundation is started.

Adam Philipson commented how impressed he is at the progress the Commission is making. He cautions the Commission on how the information regarding the formation of a foundation is put out to the public. Adam has volunteered to be part of the committee for the formation of the foundation.

Commissioner Dow read an e-mail received from Daniel Hernandez regarding the formation of the foundation.

Motion by Dow, second by Schmidt that the name SCV Café not be considered for any foundation.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Dow, Fisher, Schmidt

Noes: Strickland, Millar

Motion Carried.

Motion by Dow, second by Fisher to form an Arts Foundation and move forward with the paperwork to be filed. Details of the workings of the foundation to be determined at a later time.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Schmidt, second by Strickland to come back to the next Arts Commission meeting with names for the Arts Foundation.

Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 2

AD HOC ARTS GRANTS SUBCOMMITTEE PROPOSAL

Chair Millar gave a presentation regarding the proposal for the 2010-11 City of Santa Clarita Presents grants program.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Adam Philipson spoke regarding the timelines that the Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center at College of the Canyons has for the scheduling of the facility.

Motion by Millar, second by Strickland move to use project budget, line G for grant application. Eliminate original template budget including revenues and expenses for completed fiscal year and current fiscal year and request original financial statements for completed fiscal year.

Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 3

PUBLIC ART SELECTION AND RATING PROCESS

Commissioner Fisher presented recommendations on the rating process for future public art projects.

Motion by Strickland, second by Dow to approve the interim rating process for public art projects.

Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 4

ART STOP ART PROJECT SELECTION

Administrator Lantis gave a PowerPoint presentation on the ten selected artworks for the Art Stop Project which is part of the 2010 Festival of the Arts events.

Commissioner Fisher recused herself from voting on the Art Stop Project.

Motion by Dow, second by Schmidt to approve the ten selected artists.

Motion carried.

ARTS COMMISSION INITIATIVES UPDATE

Chair Millar has met with Phil and Elana Edelstein regarding grant writing processes. Meeting with the Master Chorale next week. Phil is researching information for the committee.

Commissioner Schmidt has changed his committee name to Arts Venues. Meeting next month with people from all different areas in the community to see what is needed. Staff has put a list of facilities together that are in use now in the City.

Commissioner Dow reported on work still continuing on tool development, website, and artist registry. There has been a delay in completion due to scheduling conflicts. Projected completion is by the end of July.

Commissioner Fisher reported that the committee has formed and it is comprised of ten members. Has met with three departments within the City. First committee meeting is in the process of being scheduled now.

Commissioner Strickland reported that the third meeting for his committee has taken place. No meetings are occurring over the summer.

STAFF COMMENTS

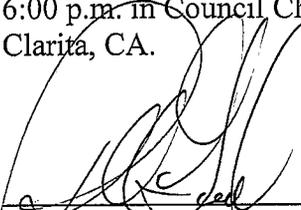
Rick Gould, Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services, informed Commission that the Study Session with the Economic Development Division has been scheduled for June 29, at 3:00 p.m. in the Century Room. The 4th of July fireworks show will be presented at Westfield Valencia Town Center. The show begins at 9:15 p.m. On Saturday, July 10, the Concerts in the Park series begin. The concerts will be every Saturday through August 28. The concerts are held at Central Park and begin at 7:00 p.m. Applications for the Commissions are due to the City Clerks office on Friday, June 18, at 5:00 p.m. Council will make their decisions on all Commissioners at the Tuesday, July 13, meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Millar adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Arts Commission will be held on Thursday, July 15, 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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