

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ARTS COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, November 18, 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 Dow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Schmidt, second by Dow to approve the minutes of October 21, 2010.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

ARTS SPOTLIGHT

Ann Unger of SCV Education Foundation gave an overview of their work. She invited the Commissioners to attend the Literacy and the Arts Festival on December 4 at Newhall Park from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Corinne Glover from Santa Clarita Ballet Company spoke about the mission of the organization and upcoming events.

ARTS RECOGNITION

Dr. Daniel Catán

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Dow had a busy month. He attended the Boys and Girls Club Haunted House where over \$10,000 was raised. He also attended two art receptions; the First Floor Gallery opening at City Hall and the Day for the Arts at the Aquatic Center. Some of the other events he attended were the Elsmere Canyon Dedication, Single Mother's Outreach Empowering HeArts at COC, Art Walk, and hosted a piano salon to raise money for the arts program at the Boys and Girls Club at Sierra Vista, where over \$2,000 was raised.

Commissioner Schmidt attended the Daniel Pearl Foundation event, Drama Teachers Association competition. Valencia High won in the musical theatre category. He met with Jason Crawford in Economic Development. He commended staff for the art on display in the hallway.

Commissioner Fisher is encouraged about the number of art events in the community. She would like to see all types of people involved in the arts supporting each other. She also commended COC for being a good arts partner.

Commissioner Strickland attended the opening of Elsmere Canyon and commented that it was a great example of public and private collaboration to protect this area. He also attended the Patios opening at the mall, the 40th anniversary of Canyon Theatre Guild at the Odyssey, and the Day of Art. He also completed his run in Best Little Whorehouse in Texas.

Chair Millar attended Rampage where all the local bands participated. He would like to be able to capture the economic impact of this type of event. He spoke to the incoming music freshmen at CSUN as well as to the Future Business Leaders of America at Hart High. He also attended the Day of Art, the opening of the First Floor Gallery, and the opening of the new charter school.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation

ITEM 1

FIRST FLOOR GALLERY AND TOWN CENTER ART SPACE 2011 PLAN

Arts and Events Administrator Phil Lantis gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Commission on the current and upcoming displays planned for these two spaces.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 2

COMMUNITY CENTER AND ARTREE MURAL PROJECT

Arts and Events Supervisor Jeff Barber gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Community Center and ARTree Mural Project. Three others spoke during the presentation; Efren Galindo clarified what the POWER program is, Ann Unger from the ARTree spoke about the actual project and the impact on the at-risk youth involved in the project, and Stott Bruckner interviewed one of the young men who worked on the mural.

Commission received and commented.

ARTS COMMISSION INITIATIVES UPDATE

Commissioner Fisher reported that the committee met and went over existing materials regarding the design guidelines for Public Art. She met with the Public Art subcommittee and the Newhall Redevelopment Agency.

Commissioner Strickland reported that the committee is still in the process of creating long and short term goals. He would like to invite Commissioner Schmidt to present the Master Plan at their next meeting on December 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Century Room.

Commissioner Dow reported that the 661Arts website is coming along and will be a single point for artist information in the valley. It is ready for user testing and the public launch will be in January. The Commissioners will receive an email with the link to the new website so that they can give input. There will be an artist registry and a suggestion box. He will present the website at the December Commission meeting. The draft of the marketplace assessment is almost ready.

Commissioner Schmidt reported his committee has had their second meeting. They are looking at the possibility of using empty buildings for venues. He met with Jason Crawford and Jason said it needed to be something grand and not something we rent. Jason also stated that the Council has commissioned a study regarding a possible convention center. Commissioner Schmidt also asked Commissioners to send performers to him so that he can get information from them on what they would want in a performing arts center.

Chair Millar stated that he has had some challenges with scheduling and will be meeting soon. He is working on a partnership with COC, the City, and the County.

PUBLIC ART PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Commission received and commented.

STAFF COMMENTS

Administrator Lantis reminded Commissioners of the Literacy and Art Festival on December 4. Art Grants notebooks were handed out to the Commissioners. Rating sheets are enclosed. Deadline is December 8 for return of rating sheets.

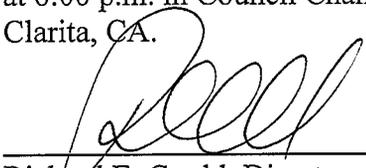
Administrator Lantis reported that there is a tentatively scheduled study session with redevelopment for Tuesday, November 30 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Commissioner Schmidt stated that he would not be able to attend. Administrator Lantis will work with redevelopment to find a better date.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Millar adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Arts Commission will be held on Thursday, December 16, 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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