

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ARTS COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, April 21, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Millar called to order the regular meeting of the Arts Commission at 6:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Jackson Dow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Strickland, second by Dow to approve the minutes of March 17, 2011 as amended with the following change – under Item #1, last sentence, remove Commissioner Schmidt's name and add Vice Chair Strickland from "motion carried unanimously".

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

ARTS SPOTLIGHT

The Santa Clarita Valley Blues Society was unable to attend so they will be rescheduled.

ARTS RECOGNITION

Jim Ventress from the Boys & Girls Club was recognized for his contributions to the Community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Dow attended the tribute for Jim Ventress at the Boys & Girls Club and there was an amazing turnout. He also attended the Six Sculptors art event at College of the Canyons.

Commissioner Schmidt said that the retreat was a great thing. He attended the Cal Poly choir's performance at Valencia High School, the Cloud Art Reception at City Hall, the South Pacific production at Rio Norte Junior High School, and also went to the Monterey Jazz Festival where two choirs from Santa Clarita performed.

Vice-Chair Strickland thought the retreat was incredibly good and enjoyed learning more about everyone. He attended the Hart District's Governor's Affair and three of the districts talked

about arts programs being sacrificed in the schools. He noted that the Hart High School dance team won first place at the National Championships in Anaheim.

Chair Millar agreed the retreat was very good. He thanked Jeff Barber for all of his hard work on the First Floor Gallery. He attended the Hart High School and Placerita Junior High School band concert, the Symphony of the Canyons at College of the Canyons, and Earth Arbor Day.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Kurt Wilson spoke and requested information regarding grant writing for non-profit arts programs.

ITEM 1

NEWHALL REDEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW

Armine Chaparyan, Redevelopment Manager, gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Commission, giving a summary of ongoing efforts in Old Town Newhall.

Commission received and commented.

Commissioner Dow left the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

John Morris spoke and asked questions on the topic of the Newhall Redevelopment presentation.

ITEM 2

PUBLIC ART PROCESS

Phil Lantis, Arts & Events Administrator, provided an overview of the current approach to developing and approving public art projects and a presentation of the initial findings of the Public Art Initiative as it relates to this process.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 3

ARTS BLUEPRINT PLANNING

Interim Superintendent Hardy noted that this item was discussed at the retreat. The Arts Blueprint planning provides an overview of the process for developing Phase 1 of the Arts Blueprint and the recommended approach for future plans. Staff created a timeline and in order to stay within the established timeframe, it will require staff and the Commission to meet the deadlines.

ITEM 4

ARTS COMMISSION STRATEGIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

This is a summary of the Arts Commission retreat, held on Saturday, March 19, 2011, and a review of the updated Commission strategic goals and objectives. Interim Superintendent Hardy stated again, that this item was discussed at the retreat.

Motion by Strickland, second by Schmidt to approve the Commission's strategic goals and objectives.

Motion carried unanimously.

ARTS COMMISSION INITIATIVES UPDATE

Commissioner Strickland didn't have an Art Education meeting this month.

Commissioner Schmidt should have his idea finished and ready to unveil by the next Commission meeting.

Chair Millar's Leadership and Development Initiative team are working on scheduling meetings with other arts groups

PUBLIC ART PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Commission received and commented.

STAFF COMMENTS

Interim Superintendent Hardy said the vacancy for the position on the Arts Commission closes on April 29, 2011. She reminded the Commission about the Joint Council Study Session on May 3, at 5:30 p.m. The Memorandum of Understanding for the Performing Arts Center with College of the Canyons is going to the City Council meeting on April 26 for approval. Both parties are satisfied with the negotiations. The Cowboy Festival is next weekend, April 30-May 1. Tributfest will be held at Central Park on Saturday, May 7. The Creekside Road Dedication is on April 26 at 12:00 p.m.

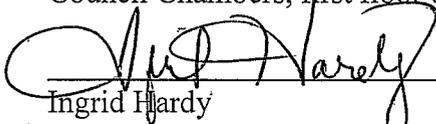
Interim Superintendent Hardy asked Commissioners if they would prefer an electronic copy or a mailed copy of their Commission packets each month. Commissioners agreed it is fine to email the Commission packets to them, and for them to receive a hard copy at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

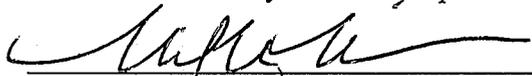
Chair Millar adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Arts Commission will be held on May 19, 2011, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, first floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA.



Ingrid Hardy
Interim Community Services Superintendent



Dr. Michael Millar, Chair
Arts Commission

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