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

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
Vice-Chair Strickland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Strickland, second by Dow to approve the minutes of May 19, 2011.

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 RECOGNITION
Sandy Fisher was recognized for her major role as a founding member of the City of Santa Clarita Arts Commission.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS
Commissioner Dow attended the Canyon Theatre Guild "Goldie Awards", Artwalk event, Concert at Keyboard Galleria, and also attended some Old Town Newhall Association (OTNA) meetings.

Commissioner Schmidt had no comment.

Vice-Chair Strickland attended a play at COC called "The Giver".

Chair Millar attended SENSES and thinks it is a great event.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
There was no public participation.

PRESENTATION TO THE COMMISSION
Dave Mickey presented on the CalArts Trail Art Project.

ITEM 1
CAPITAL PROJECT OVERVIEW
Glenn Bogna, Project Development Coordinator in Parks, Planning & Open Space, gave an overview of the process for developing and completing Capital Improvement Projects.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 2
AMERICANS FOR THE ARTS – ARTS & ECONOMY PROSPERITY IV
Phil Lantis, Arts & Events Administrator, provided an update on the status of Santa Clarita's participation in the latest phase of the national study on the impact of non-profit arts on local economies.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 3
CHANGE OF ARTS COMMISSION MEETING DAY
Ingrid Hardy, Interim Community Services Superintendent, explained this Agenda item. The Arts Commission plays a critical role as ambassadors for arts related matters in Santa Clarita. As such, moving the Commission's monthly meeting from the third Thursday of the month to the second Thursday of the month would allow the Commissioners to attend SENSES. This would provide the Commission with the chance to network with various arts groups, assess the community's response to Thursdays @ Newhall, and gain better insight into how Newhall can continue to be transformed into an Arts and Entertainment District.

Motion by Schmidt, second by Dow, to recommend adopting Resolution 11-01 changing the meeting date of the Arts Commission from the third Thursday of each month to the second Thursday of each month, beginning in October 2011.

Commissioner Dow suggested that the start time of the Commission meetings be changed to 6:30. All Commissioners were in agreement.

PUBLIC ART PROJECT STATUS REPORT
Phil Lantis, Arts & Events Administrator, informed the Commission that this document will now be provided on a quarterly basis.

Commission received and commented.

ARTS COMMISSION INITIATIVES UPDATES
Commissioner Dow stated that the 661 Arts Website is ready soon for a soft launch.

Chair Millar started working on pro-bono consulting with Master Chorale on strategic planning.

STAFF COMMENTS
Interim Superintendent Hardy reminded Commissioners that they need to please RSVP to VIP events they are invited to.

Phil Lantis, Arts & Events Administrator, thanked Jeff Barber for all of his hard work on the mural underneath the bridge on Soledad Canyon Road.

ADJOURNMENT
Chair Millar adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m., in memory of Bill Wolfe, of the Men of Harmony Group, and in memory of City employee, Randy Taylour.

FUTURE MEETING
The next regular meeting of the Arts Commission will be held on September 15, 2011, at 6:30 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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