

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ARTS COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, December 8, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Strickland called to order the regular meeting of the Arts Commission at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were present, with the exception of Commissioner Dow.

FLAG SALUTE

Bob Hernandez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Millar, second by Schmidt, to approve the minutes of November 10, 2011.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Millar, second by Schmidt, to approve the agenda with the addition of Recognition of Brent Christensen, Hart High School teacher.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

ARTS SPOTLIGHT

Jennifer Franco, Santa Clarita Ballet Company, shared information on the Ballet Company and their December production of The Nutcracker.

ARTS RECOGNITIONS

Brent Christensen, producer of It's a Wonderful Life, was recognized for his outstanding service to the arts community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Schmidt enjoyed a quiet month.

Commissioner Shapiro commented that:

- Almost Kin, Mike Fleming's new musical group, is very good and presents a special type of music.

Commissioner Millar attended:

- The Literacy and Arts Festival on December 3 and was a reader in the Adventure Tent at Newhall Park.

- The new exhibit, High-Wire Act, at the Westfield Valencia Town Center, has an anti-drug theme and offers insights into substance abuse prevention. The exhibit runs through January 7, 2012. A reception will be held on December 9, 2011.

Chair Strickland attended:

- The Literacy and Arts Festival.
- SCV Marathon and noted that attendance was good even with the cold rain.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 1

LEADERSHIP AND DEVELOPMENT BLUEPRINT

Commissioner Dr. Michael Millar presented a PowerPoint to Commission on the Leadership and Development section for Phase I of the Arts Blueprint to support the arts community in building professional capacity to achieve their full potential.

Motion by Shapiro, second by Schmidt, to approve the Arts Blueprint – Leadership and Development section.

On roll call vote:

Ayes: Millar, Schmidt, Shapiro, Strickland

Noes: None

Absent: Dow

Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 1

NEWHALL ROUNDABOUT FUNDRAISING OPTIONS

Phil Lantis, Arts and Events Administrator, shared fundraising opportunities staff is pursuing for the Newhall Roundabout Art project.

Commission received and commented.

ARTS COMMISSION INITIATIVES UPDATES

Commissioner Shapiro requested an update on the 661Arts website. Mr. Lantis shared that new staff was hired and a soft launch is expected in January.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

There were no items suggested.

STAFF COMMENTS

Phil Lantis, Arts and Events Administrator, shared that:

- The current City Hall first floor Art Gallery display includes winning art submitted for the City's Holiday Card Contest, the Santa Clarita Artists Association's Arts Classic, and the Digital Print competition. The exhibit will be on display through January 2012.
- New art space was made available at the Westfield Valencia Town Center for the Empowering Hearts exhibit, created by Single Mothers Outreach.
- Upcoming events:
 - Grand Opening Reception – December 12, 6:00 p.m., at the Santa Clarita Artists Association Gallery on Town Center Drive.
 - Winter on the Rocks Senses – December 15, from 7:00-11:00 p.m., on Main Street in Downtown Newhall.
 - Arts Commission Public Art Tour – December 17, meet at City Hall at 9:00 a.m.
 - Reception on January 11, 2012, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., celebrating Visual Tabouli and Found. The exhibits will be featured at the Town Center Art Space and the Small Spaces, Big Stories space at the Westfield Valencia Town Center and include art made from recycled and reused mixed elements, and some materials collected at the annual River Rally event.
 - Arts Commission Study Session – January 26, 2012, at 5:30 p.m., City Hall Century Room.
- Mindy Herrera was recently promoted to Interim Secretary for the Parks Maintenance Division.

ADJOURNMENT

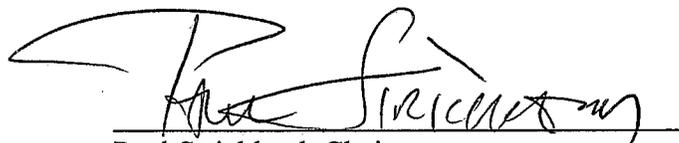
Chair Strickland adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m. to the Arts in Public Places Tour on December 17, 2011, at 9:00 a.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Arts Commission will be held on Thursday, January 12, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers, first floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA.



Phil Lantis, Arts and Events Administrator



Paul Strickland, Chair
Arts Commission

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