

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

6:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 15, 2011

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Millar called to order the regular meeting of the Arts Commission at 6:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Dow led the Pledge of Allegiance.

OATH OF OFFICE

Sarah Gorman, City Clerk, swore in the new Arts Commissioner, Susan Shapiro.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair Millar asked for a nomination to elect a new Chair. Motion by Schmidt, second by Dow, to nominate Vice-Chair Strickland as Commission Chair.

Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Strickland asked for a nomination to elect a new Vice-Chair. Motion by Millar, second by Dow, to nominate Commissioner Schmidt as Vice-Chair.

Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Dow, second by Schmidt, to approve the minutes of July 21, 2011.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING CHAIR

Fellow Commissioners thanked Dr. Millar for everything he has done for the arts community and acknowledged his commitment and dedication to the Arts Commission. Ingrid Hardy, Interim Community Services Superintendent, presented Dr. Millar with a plaque. Phil Lantis, Arts and Events Administrator, presented Dr. Millar with a gift of artwork.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Vice-Chair Schmidt attended the Master Chorale Meet the Conductor, the September 11 concert, Golden Valley Bridge Dedication ceremony, and the creative panel for 661 Arts.

Commissioner Dow attended plays at the Repertory Theatre and Canyon Theatre Guild, and the outreach planning art gala for the Westfield Town Center space.

Commissioner Shapiro stated how happy she is to be a part of this Commission. She attended the Golden Valley Bridge Dedication ceremony.

Commissioner Millar attended the Golden Valley Bridge Dedication ceremony, the Master Chorale, and the Arts Council for Kern County in Bakersfield.

Chair Strickland attended the Golden Valley Bridge Dedication ceremony, and the September 11 event put on by Sheri Klauss.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

ITEM 1

NEWHALL ROUNDABOUT

Phil Lantis, Arts & Events Administrator, presented on the revised Call for Artists (Request for Qualifications) with project process and timeline.

Motion by Millar, second by Schmidt, to rescind motion from the May 19, 2011 Arts Commission meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Millar, second by Schmidt, to approve the revised Request for Qualifications.

Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 2

NEWHALL ROUNDABOUT FUNDRAISING OPTIONS

Phil Lantis, Arts & Events Administrator, provided an overview of fundraising options to increase the art project budget for the Newhall Roundabout. The three approaches to raising funds for a project of this nature are: Donations by Partner Organizations, Donations by Sponsors, and Donations by Individual Community Members. The Commission gave direction that the art piece should not have a sponsor name above the name of the artwork.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 3

ARTS EDUCATION BLUEPRINT

Chair Strickland gave a presentation of the Arts Education section of the Arts Blueprint, Phase I.

Motion by Millar, second by Dow, to approve Arts Education Blueprint.

Motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 4

2011-12 ARTS GRANTS

Phil Lantis, Arts & Events Administrator, provided an overview of the 2011-12 Arts Grants applications, process with timelines, and changes to the program for the current year.

Motion by Shapiro, second by Dow, to approve the 2011-12 Arts Grants applications.

ARTS COMMISSION INITIATIVES UPDATES

Commissioner Dow stated that the 661Arts Website is about 95% up and ready soon for a soft launch. Please give him your feedback.

Commissioner Millar stated that Master Chorale is still working on a master plan. He noted that last year there was no press release regarding the Grants program and requested a press release this year.

Commissioner Shapiro will identify areas she would like to work on.

Vice-Chair Schmidt is in the final process of putting together the report for the Arts Venue Blueprint, before his presentation to the Commission in November.

STAFF COMMENTS

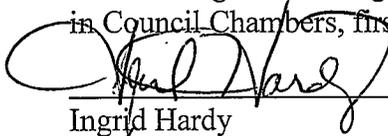
Interim Superintendent Hardy informed Commissioners that the State of the City Lunch will be on October 13, 2011, at 11:30 a.m., at the Hyatt Valencia. Commissioners may receive one complimentary ticket; additional tickets are \$40. She also informed Commissioners that as of October, the Weekly Update is going away.

ADJOURNMENT

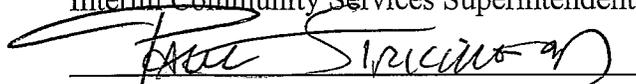
Chair Strickland adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Arts Commission will be held on October 13, 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



Paul Strickland, Chair
Arts Commission