

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ARTS COMMISSION
6:00 p.m.
Thursday, February 17, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Millar called to order the regular meeting of the Arts Commission at 6:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Fisher led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Strickland, second by Dow to approve the minutes of January 20, 2011.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

ARTS SPOTLIGHT

Elizabeth Burson from E.S.C.A.P.E. Theatre gave an overview of their current and upcoming productions.

ARTS RECOGNITION

The following arts educators were recognized from the Newhall School District:
Elizabeth Abrahamson, Jami De Seina, John Fossa, Elizabeth Gilbert, Jana Gruss, Tara Speiser, and Peggi Stoffel

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Fisher announced that due to unanticipated but significant health issues, she is resigning her position from the Arts Commission, effective February 28, 2011. She said that serving on the Arts Commission has been a wonderful experience and she appreciates all the support she has received from her fellow Commissioners and City staff.

Commissioner Dow is sad that Commissioner Fisher is leaving their team. He thanked her for her leadership.

Commissioner Strickland is shocked by Commissioner Fisher's announcement. He admires and respects her and thinks she has been a great leader.

Chair Millar thanked Commissioner Fisher on her expertise and dedication. He stated that she was a founding member of the Arts Commission and will be missed.

Motion by Strickland, second by Dow, to accept, with regret, Commissioner Fisher's Letter of Resignation.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no Public Participation.

Chair Millar asked staff to explain how the vacancy process works given Commissioner Fisher's resignation. Ingrid Hardy, Interim Community Services Superintendent, explained the steps that will be taken by City Council in filling the vacancy. She stated that it could be May before the position is filled.

ITEM 1

2011 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Arts and Events Administrator, Phil Lantis, gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Commission, giving an overview of the draft calendar of events for 2011. The City of Santa Clarita has presented, hosted, and sponsored various events since its incorporation. The quality of life enjoyed by residents today is attributed to the high-quality events produced and held in Santa Clarita.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 2

OVERVIEW OF THE FUNCTIONAL PROCESS TO PREPARE THE DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET SUBMITTAL

Sarona Vivanco, Interim Recreation Superintendent, provided the Commission with an overview on the process that the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Department is responsible for preparing and submitting a draft budget for consideration as part of the City's annual budget preparation process. This presentation gave the Commission a better understanding of the tasks involved when preparing the Department's budget, including the timing, constraints, and challenges that are present in the budget process.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 3

ARTS AND EVENTS BUDGET OVERVIEW

Arts and Events Administrator, Phil Lantis gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Commission. The Arts Commission requested an overview of the Fiscal Year 2010-11 budget for Arts and events at the Arts Commission meeting on January 20, 2011. The Arts and Events budget program narrative was reviewed.

Commission received and commented.

ARTS COMMISSION INITIATIVES UPDATE

Commissioner Dow demonstrated the new 661Arts website. He noted that this website is the result of a lot of hard work by Arts & Events staff and the entire team. This will add tremendous value to the community.

Commissioner Fisher met with Jeff Barber and Dianne Trautman on the headings for the Public Art section of the Arts Blueprint.

Commissioner Strickland suggested that in anticipation for the upcoming retreat, that Commissioners think about initiatives and accomplishments for next years budget process.

Chair Millar thanked Commissioner Dow for such a big step forward with the 661Arts website. He also noted the Leadership and Development Initiative team has begun meeting with the local arts organizations to better understand their goals and needs, and to inquire how the Commission can support each group.

PUBLIC ART PROJECT STATUS REPORT

Administrator Lantis explained the format changes to the document

Commission received and commented.

STAFF COMMENTS

Administrator Lantis reminded Commissioners of the Arts Commission retreat on Saturday, March 19, 2011, from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Damon Letz Assistant City Engineer, will be the facilitator. Interim Superintendent Hardy will send a template of questions to the Commissioners before the retreat. Commissioners will write down their thoughts on initiatives by March 14, 2011.

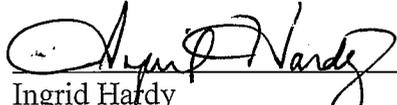
Interim Superintendent Hardy informed Commissioners the library survey is online and encouraged them to take the survey and to please share it. The survey is available until March 11, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Millar adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

FUTURE MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Arts Commission will be held on March 17, 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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