CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ARTS COMMISSION
6:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 14, 2013

CALL TO ORDER
Chair Dow called to order the regular meeting of the Arts Commission at 6:31p.m.

ROLL CALL
All Commissioners were present.

FLAG SALUTE
Commissioner Choppé led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Motion by Strickland, second by Choppé, to approve the minutes of February 14, 2013.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

COMMISSION APPRECIATION AND RECOGNITION
Mayor Bob Kellar thanked the Commissioners for all of their hard work and recognized their contributions to the arts in Santa Clarita.

ARTS SPOTLIGHT
Hart High School Rampage organizers were recognized for their efforts on the Rampage event. Also, Chair Dow proclaimed March National Arts Education month. A proclamation was presented to Idelle Tyzbir (Wiley Canyon Elementary), Peggy-Joe Vernon (Golden Valley High School), Cindy Pharis (Valencia High School), and Jaylene Armstrong (Retired arts educator).

COMMISSION COMMENTS
Commissioner Millar attended the Art Slam and thought it was a real success. He also met with Commissioner Strickland regarding the Foundation, and is working on arts advocacy.

Commissioner Strickland attended the Rivendale Master Plan focus groups meetings which he thought were very focused and had exciting ideas, which he thinks will increase the cultural value of the community.

Commissioner Choppé attended Art Slam and thought it was a great event with a lot of talent.

Chair Dow attended the focus groups for the Rivendale Master Plan and thought the ideas to maintain it as a pretty and artistic performance space were very interesting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/INITIATIVE UPDATES
Commissioner Strickland met with Superintendent Hardy and Phil Lantis, Arts and Events Administrator, regarding Arts Funding. During the meeting they talked about potential funding for grants, events, marketing, etc.

Commissioner Millar has gone over the first draft of the survey for Arts Advocacy, and is still working on it.

Commissioner Choppé continues to work with Phil Lantis to create another signature arts event in Santa Clarita.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
Keith Oberg, from Santa Clarita Men of Harmony, spoke to the Commission about wanting to raise an awareness of their organization, and to perform in the community and increase their opportunities.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 1
NEWHALL ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT OVERVIEW
Phil Lantis provided a presentation on the discussions that have occurred on the Newhall Arts and Entertainment District Initiative, including current assets and businesses located in the Old Town Newhall area.

Commission received and commented.

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 1
NEW SANTA CLARITA ARTS WEBSITE
Phil Lantis provided a presentation of the www.SantaClaritaArts.com website.

Commission received and commented.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION
Commissioner Shapiro would like to hear about the Roundabout Community Outreach meeting that was being held tonight.

Commissioner Millar asked about scheduling future study sessions and what the topics might be.

STAFF COMMENTS
Phil Lantis distributed a list of the Newhall Roundabout Fundraising Partner Organizations. He also distributed a hand out sheet of the Arts Grants Program Summary for Fiscal Year 2012-13.

ADJOURNMENT
Chair Dow adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS
The next regular meeting of the Arts Commission will be held on Thursday, April 11, 2013, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, first floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA.

Ingrid Hardy
Community Services Superintendent

John Dow, Chair
Arts Commission

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