

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ARTS COMMISSION
6:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 13, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Choppé led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Millar, second by Choppé, to approve the minutes of January 9, 2014.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

ARTS SPOTLIGHT

Karen Maleck-Whiteley, from Lunafest, presented an overview of their short films event to be held in Santa Clarita on May 1, 2014.

ARTS RECOGNITION

All six local high school marching bands were recognized for their contribution to the arts in Santa Clarita.

COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Commissioner Dow visited the National Gallery in Washington D.C. He also attended the Arts Night at the Theatre event.

Vice-Chair Choppé gave kudos to Commissioner Dow for producing Arts Night at the Theatre. He also produced the Bridge to Home Souls of Hope Art Project.

Commissioner Millar attended the Arts Night at the Theatre event, the Santa Clarita Philharmonic Concert at Valencia High School, and the Celebrity Waiter event. He reminded the Commission that the Master Chorale is coming up later this month at the Performing Arts Center. Commissioner Millar also reminded the Commission that Vaud and the Villains will be performing at SENSES next Thursday, March 20.

Commissioner Rasmussen attended the Arts Candidates Forum. She attended a meeting for the Advisory Board for the Newhall Elementary School Auditorium restoration project. She added that there will be a performance of Los Lobos on April 26 at the Newhall Auditorium. Also, there will be a fundraiser for the Boys and Girls Club to reopen its Art Center.

Chair Shapiro would like to have a quarterly art event. She also attended the Art Slam event on March 6.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Noel Bermudez spoke on behalf of the ARTree tile mural, that will be installed on the South Fork Trail.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 1

THURSDAYS@NEWHALL

Phil Lantis, Arts and Events Administrator, gave an overview of the 2014 Thursdays@Newhall event series, including SENSES, Art SLAMS, and J.A.M. Sessions.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 2

CITY OF SANTA CLARITA CULTURAL ARTS MASTER PLAN

Phil Lantis, Arts and Events Administrator, provided a history of the development and overview of the findings of the Phase I and Phase II Cultural Arts Master Plans.

ARTS COMMISSION INITIATIVE UPDATES

Commissioner Dow provided an update on the www.SantaClaritaArts.com website. Some issues are being worked through.

Commissioner Millar continues to work on the Advocacy for the Arts initiative.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

- Invite the Boys and Girls Club as an Arts Spotlight
- Creative Economy Report
- Add Donna Avila's Arts in Education programs update regularly
- Arts Grants reports

STAFF COMMENTS

Superintendent Hardy informed the Commissioners that the Arts Commission meetings will be relocated to the Newhall Library from April through October, due to the April elections and the retrofit project being done at City Hall.

Superintendent Hardy reminded the Commissioners about the May 6, 2014, City Council Study Session (Fiscal Year 2014-15 Budget), at 5:30 p.m., which will be followed by the City Council and Arts Commission Study Session.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Shapiro adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the Arts Commission will be held on Thursday, April 10, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., at the Old Town Newhall Library, Community Room, 24500 Main Street, Santa Clarita, CA, 91321

Ingrid Hardy
Community Services Superintendent

Susan Shapiro, Chair
Arts Commission

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