

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
ARTS COMMISSION  
6:30 p.m.  
Thursday, September 11, 2014**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Shapiro called to order the regular meeting of the Arts Commission at 6:32 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

All Commissioners were present.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Commissioner Choppé led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OATH OF OFFICE**

Commissioner Millar, Commissioner Rasmussen, and Commissioner Shapiro were sworn in for the Oath of Office earlier in the day at the City Clerk's office.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Chair Choppé asked for a nomination to elect a new Vice-Chair. Motion by Shapiro, second by Millar, to nominate Commissioner Rasmussen as Vice-Chair.

Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Millar, second by Rasmussen, to approve the minutes of July 10, 2014.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

**ARTS SPOTLIGHT**

Marybeth Margrave, Treasurer with the Santa Clarita Master Chorale, shared about the upcoming season of performances at the Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center at College of the Canyons, as well as information about some new programs and initiatives offered by the Chorale.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Noel Bermudez, representing the ARTree, invited the Commissioners to hear Alice Davis. Dianne Foderaro, representing the ARTree, informed the Commission about new classes being offered at the ARTree.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **ITEM 1**

#### **PUBLIC ART PROJECTS**

Phil Lantis, Arts and Events Administrator, provided a review of the four public art projects that are currently in some stage of development, and a discussion about next steps.

**Commission received and commented.**

### **ITEM 2**

#### **WESTERN TIGER SWALLOWTAIL PUBLIC ART PIECE**

Jeff Barber, Arts and Events Supervisor, provided an update on the status of the repairs and a presentation of alternative locations, in the Central Park area, for reinstalling the piece.

**Motion by Shapiro, second by Millar, to approve the recommended site at Central Park for the art piece to be installed.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **ITEM 1**

#### **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PLAN**

Phil Lantis, Arts and Events Administrator, provided an update on the plan to utilize City marketing and outreach tools for the Arts Commission to address arts and cultural topics, including a suggested schedule of topics for the coming year.

**Commission received and commented.**

#### **ARTS COMMISSION COMMENTS AND UPDATES**

Commissioner Millar attended Concerts in the Park, SENSES, Chocolate Slam, the Silverstein show at the Repertory East Playhouse, a performance by Vaud and the Villains at the Ford Theatre, and the Master Chorale. He thanked Mayor Pro-Tem McLean for his reappointment.

Commissioner Rasmussen attended SENSES, the Youth Grove Memorial Evening of Remembrance. She stated that she was happy to have been reappointed.

Commissioner Shapiro asked if there are any opportunities for new spaces to display art work. She has heard great things about the Art Slams and SENSES events. She thinks that artists would like more artist-based events than theme-based events.

Commissioner Dow requested an update on the website.

## STAFF COMMENTS

Administrator Lantis provided the following updates:

- Arts and Events Coordinator position: The position closed yesterday, with almost 500 applications received. Interviews will begin next week.
- Upcoming events: Tonight is the JAM Session, with "Samba" as the theme. Next Thursday, September 18, is SENSES, with "Emerald City" as the theme. On October 2, will be Art Slam, with the theme being "The Art of the Scare".
- Artist in Residence Program: The first program for this year will run from September 22 – 29, at Westcreek Academy. This session will feature Suzi Kades, who was the artist for the pilot program at Rosedell Elementary School last year. There are five schools scheduled for the 2014-15 school year, with Suzi handling three and Dianne Foderaro being the artist in residence at the other two.
- Arts Grants Program: The annual Community Services and Arts Grants program bidder's meeting will be held on Monday, September 22, at 12:00 p.m., at the Activities Center. This year the Arts Grants program is budgeted at \$60,000, an increase of \$12,000 from last year.

## ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

- Grants reports – the Commission would like to see the reports.

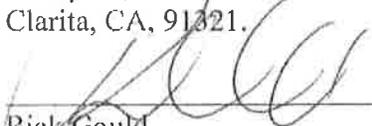
## ADJOURNMENT

Chair Choppé adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

**Motion by Rasmussen, second by Millar, to adjourn in the memory of September 11, 2001.**

## FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the Arts Commission will be held on Thursday, October 9, 2014, at 6:30 p.m., at the Old Town Newhall Library, Community Room, 24500 Main Street, Santa Clarita, CA, 91321.

  
Rick Gould

Director of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services

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Susan Shapiro, Chair  
Arts Commission

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