

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

6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 12, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

All Commissioners were present.

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Rasmussen led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Rasmussen, second by Millar, to approve the minutes of January 12, 2015.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

ARTS SPOTLIGHT

Carmen Dominguez and Larry Hurst, from the College of the Canyons, presented an overview on a sculpture donation by Simi Dabah.

ARTS RECOGNITION

Dr. Marc Winger, of the Newhall School District, was recognized for his contributions to the arts community.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Stephanie O'Connor, of Forge Ahead Arts, invited everyone to the installation of the crochet art project on Main Street at the Art Slam on March 5.

Noel Bermudez, from the ARTree, invited everyone to their upcoming speaker series beginning February 26 at the Newhall Library featuring Moses Mora and Jim Rice from the Bells Art Factory in Ventura.

Mark Elfont, representing the Santa Clarita Philharmonic, expressed appreciation for the City grant recently given to them and invited everyone to the upcoming concert at Hart Auditorium on February 22, at 3:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

1. ARTS MASTER PLAN OUTREACH PLAN

Jenni Shadle, Arts and Events Coordinator, presented an overview of the outreach and marketing plan for the Santa Clarita Arts Master Plan.

Commission received and commented.

2. 2015 ARTS EVENTS

Phil Lantis, Arts and Events Administrator, presented an overview of the arts related events planned for the 2015 calendar year.

Commission received and commented.

ARTS COMMISSION COMMENTS AND UPDATES

Commissioner Dow had questions regarding the launch of the Master Plan process on the internet.

Commissioner Shapiro thanked Forge Ahead Arts for all they are doing for the community. She also would like to see us have a large chalk art event next year. On May 7, there will be chalk art at the Art Slam. Since there is only one more meeting before the Town Hall meeting, she requested that any updates regarding the process be sent to the Commissioners by e-mail.

Commissioner Millar saw Avenue Q at the Repertory East Playhouse. He also thanked ARTree for promoting the commission meeting. He attended the National Association of Music Merchants (NAMM) show – Generation Next. He also marked the passing of Dave Bourne, who performed regularly at the Cowboy Festival.

Commissioner Rasmussen wanted to remind everyone that coming up at the Repertory East Playhouse is “Doubt”. She also expressed her pleasure at the lights on Main Street that will be staying on year round. She reminded everyone that the Newhall Elementary Auditorium will be kicking off its capital campaign on April 17, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. Construction will begin in May.

Chair Choppé reminded everyone that on March 15, at 4:00 p.m., there will be a presentation by the Santa Clarita Master Chorale of Mozart Requiem at Santa Clarita Performing Arts Center at College of the Canyons.

ARTS MASTER PLAN STATUS REPORT

Superintendent Hardy shared the following:

- Because of the aggressive timeline for the Arts Master Plan, the Commissioners will be contacted by e-mail or phone when updates happen.

STAFF COMMENTS

Administrator Lantis shared the following updates:

- The Butterfly art piece will be installed by the end of February or early March.

- The Stroll Project has been in place for three years and is in need of repair. The City will be partnering with classes at Cal Arts to repair, make some changes to the sounds, and reinstall to the South Fork Trail.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Chair Choppé has requested that the Commissioners be given access to the Art Grants -- including the list of groups funded as well as the original applications.

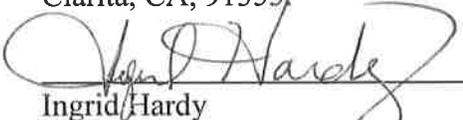
Commissioner Millar stated that in the past the Commissioners had full access to the Art Grant applications, and an item was placed on the Commission agenda. He would like that reinstated.

ADJOURNMENT

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

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the Arts Commission will be held on Thursday, March 12, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers, first floor of City Hall, 23920 Valencia Boulevard, Santa Clarita, CA, 91355.



Ingrid Hardy
Superintendent, Community Services



Gary Choppé, Chair
Arts Commission

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