

**CITY OF SANTA CLARITA
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
ARTS COMMISSION
6:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 12, 2015**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Choppé called to order the regular meeting of the Arts Commission at 6:31 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Millar led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Millar, second by Rasmussen, 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 February 12, 2015.

Hearing no objections, it was so ordered.

ARTS SPOTLIGHT

Tricia Hulet and Sarah Dixon, from The Masters College, presented an overview on their programs.

ARTS RECOGNITION

The Santa Clarita Ballet Company was recognized for their contributions to the arts community and for celebrating their 20th anniversary.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

NEW BUSINESS

ITEM 1

CITY COMMUNITY CENTERS

Julie Calderon and Glenna Christianson, from the City of Santa Clarita, provided an overview of the artistic and cultural programs offered at the Newhall and Canyon Country Community Centers.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 2

NEW HEIGHTS ARTIST DEVELOPMENT SERIES

Phil Lantis, Arts and Events Administrator, presented an overview of the New Heights programs and schedule for the 2015 series.

Commission received and commented.

ITEM 3

2014-15 ARTS GRANTS PROGRAM

Phil Lantis, Arts and Events Administrator, discussed the Arts Grants program applicants for the current funding cycle and gave an overview of the City Council approved funded organizations.

Commission received and commented.

ARTS COMMISSION COMMENTS AND UPDATES

Commissioner Shapiro thanked the ARTree for their speaker series. She likes having the ArtSLAM and JAM Sessions together. She would like an update about the ArtSLAM's and how artists are being solicited.

Commissioner Rasmussen said that the Newhall Auditorium is postponing the kick-off event. She saw "Doubt" last week at the Repertory East Playhouse. She asked if the Arts Commission meetings can be held at the Old Town Newhall Library during the spring and summer months. Commissioner Rasmussen stated that artists seem to miss having interaction with the City and suggested having a roundtable or study session once a month in a less formal meeting setting.

Commissioner Millar thought that the ArtSLAM was great. He attended the Native American Art Exhibit at the library, the Santa Clarita Philharmonic concert, and the ARTree speaker series. He also thanked the ARTree for all that they do.

Chair Choppé reminded everyone that this Sunday, March 15, the Master Chorale will be performing Mozart, at the Performing Art Center.

ARTS MASTER PLAN STATUS REPORT

Superintendent Hardy shared the following:

- Rack cards are being distributed for the Arts and Entertainment Summit, which will be held on Monday, April 6, at 6:30 p.m., at the Activities Center.
- The online survey is available at www.SantaClaritaArts.com
- A shorter version of the survey is also being collected at local Pop-up gallery events.
- Work is continuing with the Arts Master Plan consultants.

STAFF COMMENTS

Superintendent Hardy shared the following updates:

- Reminded Commissioners that their Form 700's are due.
- The Butterfly art piece will be installed on March 26.
- City staff is working with representatives from the College of the Canyons to finalize the Performing Art Center Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Once the negotiations

have been completed, the MOU will be brought to the Arts Commission for recommendation of approval to the City Council.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

Look into a formal meeting with the Arts Commissioners and local artists.

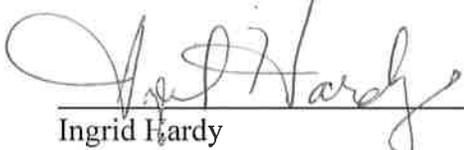
Look into moving the Arts Commission meetings to the Newhall Library through the month of October.

ADJOURNMENT

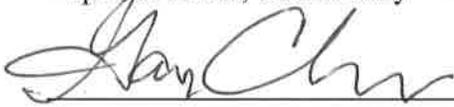
Chair Choppé adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regular meeting of the Arts Commission will be held on Thursday, April 9, 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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