



San Mateo County Arts Commission

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Dildar Gill Pisani, 2nd District
Sherrill Swan, 3rd District
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**Regular Meeting of the Arts Commission
Monday, September 15, 2008
12 to 1:30 p.m.
455 County Center, 4th Floor, Room 401
Redwood City, CA 94063**

MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Chair Chew called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Commissioners: Chew (Chair), Gill Pisani, Moayeri, Salamy, Swan (Vice Chair)
Staff: Holland, Tolmasoff, Bennett
Peninsula Arts Council: Fellers (President), Nitschi, Waters

2. Oral Communications

Ms. Fellers reported on the "Benefit Day" at Kepler's for the PAC on September 7, 2008. Ms. Ellen Chong, PAC, was the featured "Story Time" author and shared "A Happy Day," written by her grandmother, Louise Sheppa Lovett, and edited and illustrated by Ms. Chong.*



*Googled "A Happy Day" Ellen Chong and the first reference listed was Artsopolis website; second reference was Amazon.com for the book itself!

Ms. Fellers said the PAC would host an ARToberfest at the Casa de Flores in San Mateo on September 26. *

*PAC website states that ARToberfest is now canceled because of the current persistent economic downturn.

3. Agenda Amendments

There were none.

4. Subcommittee Reports

Symposium: Commissioners Chew/Gill Pisani

Chair Chew said they were considering a cultural arts event that might possibly be within the context of another large event such as the County Fair. They will meet with Dr. Alberto Ráfols, Executive Director of the Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County, the first part of October.

Marketing: Commissioners Moayeri/Swan

They will contact Jeff Trabucco, Artsopolis, to start discussions with Anne LeClair, CEO of the County's CVB, about marketing partnerships.

5. Discussion

A. Daly City Partnership – Commissioner Salamy

Commissioner Salamy provided each Commissioner with a packet of information on the Peninsula Partnership model for the City of Daly City. She said that the Silicon Valley Community Foundation supported the Peninsula Partnership and that this partnership was a resource for all of San Mateo County, not just Daly City. The Commission expressed an interest in other models.

6. Action Items

A. Consideration of Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 18, 2008

Commission Action: M/S Swan/Gill Pisani to approve minutes of August 18, 2008 as presented.

Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioners Moayeri and Swan abstaining.

B. Reconsideration of the Commission's March 17, 2008 Action on the Proposal for a South San Francisco Courthouse Gallery (***Item was tabled at the August 18, 2008 meeting***)

Director Holland restated the reasons the Commission did not support the proposal previously on March 17, specifically the expected change of ownership of the building and the fiscal impact to the Commission's budget for both installation and payment of curatorial services with no recompense or sharing of costs by the Courts. He said that the hanging equipment purchased could be returned to the manufacturer for a refund.

Ms. Waters noted that she had been approached by the SSF Courts to do a gallery similar to the Caldwell Gallery for their facility. She said that the facility had high traffic.

Commission Action: M/S Gill Pisani/Swan to table proposal until the ownership of the buildings and budget are clarified.

Motion carried 5-0.

7. Items for Next Meeting Agenda

Redwood City Civic and Cultural Commission proposal to donate art work to County.

8. Commissioner and Staff Reports

Director Holland said that the Board of Supervisors would adopt a proclamation for October National Arts and Humanities Month at their October 7 meeting. Commissioner Gill Pisani will represent the Commission that day as President Chew would be out of town.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:08 p.m.