



**San Mateo County  
Arts Commission**

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**Regular Meeting of the Arts Commission  
Monday, October 20, 2008  
12 to 1:30 p.m.  
455 County Center, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Room 401  
Redwood City, CA 94063**

**MINUTES**

**1. Roll Call**

Chair Chew called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Commissioners: Chew (Chair), Gill Pisani, Moayeri (arrived at 12:08 p.m.) , Salamy (Absent), Swan (Vice Chair)

**2. Oral Communications**

There were none.

**3. Agenda Amendments**

There were none.

**4. Consideration of Minutes**

A. Regular Meeting of September 15, 2008

Commission Action: M/S Swan/Gill Pisani to approve the September 15, 2008 minutes.

Motion carried 3-0 with Commissioner Moayeri not yet in attendance and Commissioner Salamy absent.

**5. Discussion**

A. North County Court Gallery Update – D. Holland

Director Holland said it appeared that the City of South San Francisco was interested in sponsoring an art gallery at the Northern Court because of the efforts of Ms. Ruth Waters, Peninsula Art Museum. Ms. Waters requested that the display equipment and hanging hardware purchased by the Arts Commission be sold to the City of South San Francisco, should this gallery effort come to fruition.

(Commissioner Moayer arrived at the meeting.)

The Commission discussed the efforts made by Ms. Waters to establish a gallery in the North Court House, funding for the curation which this Commission could not provide, and the purchase of the display and hanging hardware originally intended for the North Court, which cost approximately \$750 and could be returned for a refund minus a restocking fee.

Commission Action: M/S Gill Pisani/Chew to donate display and hanging hardware for art gallery at North Court upon the City of South San Francisco's decision to fund the curation of the gallery.

Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Salamy not in attendance.

- B. Meeting with Anne LeClair, San Mateo County Convention and Visitor's Bureau – D. Holland

Discussion of this item was wrapped into the discussion for agenda item 6.A.

## **6. Action Items**

- A. Consideration of a Proposal for an Expanded Partnership of the San Mateo County Arts Commission, Peninsula Arts Council, and Artsopolis Marketing Partnership – D. Holland

Director Holland explained that Artsopolis has a \$10,000 grant to upgrade the San Mateo County Artsopolis site, and this was an opportunity to create a focus on the website that would build towards a coalition for the arts in San Mateo County. He discussed other models such as the San Bruno Mountain Conservancy.

The Commission discussed the possibilities of representation on the website, and upcoming meetings with Mr. Rafols of the Santa Cruz City and County Arts Coalition and Ms. LeClaire, CEO, San Mateo County Convention and Visitors Bureau. Director Holland suggested that the website upgrade would be an opportunity to impact arts marketing with the name of the website. Ideas for website names were suggested related to tapping a connection to CSM's Jazz on the Hill series. He said website naming might be part of the discussion with Ms. LeClair.

Commission Action: M/S Moayeri/Swan to approve an expanded partnership of the San Mateo County Arts Commission, Peninsula Arts Council and the Artsopolis Marketing Partnership and for communication and updating of the partners throughout the process.

Motion carried 3-0 with Commission Gill Pisani abstaining and Commissioner Salamy not in attendance.

- B. Redwood City Civic and Cultural Commission's Proposal for Bird Bath Art Work Donation to San Mateo County
  - 1. Update on Process – D. Holland

Director Holland said as an update that he had spoken with the Department of Public Works management staff regarding the viability of installing and maintaining the art work in the County Plaza. He said that ownership of 400 County Center would eventually go to the State and the Plaza was being slated for reconstruction and would have a different layout in the future. He said some of the questions he had received from the County Manager's Office staff related to the public art offer were about liability, maintenance, length of the agreement, payment of water and other utilities, and how it fit within the County's public art policy. He said those were all questions that could be worked out with the Redwood City Cultural Commission. He asked the Commission to consider whether to move the proposal to the Board of Supervisors.

### **2. Commission Direction**

The Commission in their discussion expressed how pleased they were that the Redwood City Civic and Cultural Commission had brought this offer of public art to the County. They also

expressed their concern as to the uncertainty regarding the ownership of 400 County Center and the reconstruction of the Plaza.

Commission Action: M/S Chew/Swan to direct staff to prepare a letter to Mr. Justin Newblanc, Redwood City Civic and Cultural Commissioner, thanking the Commission for the offer of public art, respectfully declining the offer of public art for the reasons discussed, and expressing the Commission's hope that the County would be considered for future offers of public art.

Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Salamy absent.

## **7. Subcommittee Reports**

There were no subcommittee reports.

Commissioner Moayeri said she had received a notice of a public meeting on October 23, 2008, from 7 to 9 p.m. for comment on potential sites for a new County jail. She said at a prior public hearing on this matter, Coyote Point Recreation Area, was listed as one of the possible locations for a jail. She suggested the Commission write a letter to Supervisor Tissier, President of the Board of Supervisors, with copies to the County Manager and County Sheriff, expressing the Commission's position that the Recreation Area be kept for its existing purposes and that the Commission has discussed other uses such as a Cultural and Performing Arts Center, which use the Commission fully supports.

Commission Action: M/S Moayeri/Swan to direct staff to prepare a letter for the Commission's review of the Commission's position on the potential use of Coyote Point Recreation Area for the site of a County jail to be sent to Supervisor Tissier, President of the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Maltbie, County Manager, and Sheriff Munks.

Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Salamy absent.

## **8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.