



San Mateo County Arts Commission

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**Regular Meeting of the Arts Commission
Monday, October 19, 2009, 12 (noon) to 1:30 p.m.
555 County Center, Room 1, 5th Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063**

MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Chair Swan called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Commissioners: Chew, Gill Pisani (Vice Chair), Steel, Swan (Chair), Zheng (Absent)
Staff: Bennett, Tolmasoff

2. Oral Communications

None

3. Agenda Amendments

None

4. Consideration of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of August 17, 2009

Commissioner Gill Pisani said the short discussion about RAFT should also note former Commissioner Moayeri.

Commission Action: M/S Gill Pisani/Chew to approve the minutes as modified.

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

5. Action Items

A. Consideration of Resolution Establishing Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Gill Pisani said she was concerned that meeting every other month might lead to disjointedness in the Commission's activities, and suggested that on the months when the Commission did not meet that the subcommittees meet. Chair Swan agreed that the Commission as a group was at a critical point and that the subcommittees meeting would aid progress. Commissioner Steele said that the Commission at its last meeting had expressed concern related to the Commission not meeting monthly but it was apparent that the Commission's preference to meet monthly could not be the reality.

Commission consensus was the subcommittees would meet between the bi-monthly Commission meetings and send information to Ms. Bennett for dissemination to other Commissioners as information prior to the regularly scheduled Commission meeting.

Future actions mentioned were a facilitated meeting in January pursuant to the development of a Local Arts Agency, and to work with Ms. Nguyen of the Family and Youth Enrichment Services as to potential ways to involve youth commissioners with the Arts Commission.

Commission Action: M/S Chew/Swan to approve adoption of a resolution 2009-10 established meeting months for the Arts Commission including a modification to indicate that subcommittees would meet on the alternate months.

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

6. Discussion

A. Foundation/Arts Council:

1. Report back

Commissioner Gill Pisani said she had spoken with Ms. Patti Pace related to facilitation, and had been given a name of a person to contact, whom Commissioner Gill Pisani contacted but received no response. She said she would pursue the organization that worked with the stakeholders in the San Mateo City Library project. She said the goal of the facilitated work session would be to **examine** a more effective and efficient way **to** support the arts in San Mateo County, whether **through** the current organizations or another organization. She said the facilitator had to have the ability to be a neutral party with the skills to lead to unity of purpose and a process for moving forward. Chair Swan said there needed to be concrete steps for action on developing a Local Arts Agency or the idea should be abandoned unless there was an identifiable outcome.

2. Next steps

Subcommittee will pursue a facilitator.

B. Arts Educator of the Year

1. Outreach

2. Evaluation

3. Award

Consensus was to contact former award recipients and get their input as to what made or would make the award most meaningful, to have some of those previously nominated sit on a review panel; and to contact Artsopolis related to an email blast to arts organizations in the County.

Chair Swan and Ms. Bennett will meet to gather information for Chair Swan to contact former winners and develop a process.

7. Subcommittees (Arts Education, Budget, Marketing, Networking and Support, Policy)

A. Reports

Commissioner Steel said Commissioner Gill Pisani had met to look at where to get 10 percent reduction in budget, and would get the information to Director Holland. Clarification was needed

as to whether 10 percent reduction was needed in FY 2009/10 or 2010/11; staff will get **back to the Commission**.

Commissioner Chew said Commissioner Gill Pisani and she were looking at ways to do more networking. She asked that staff add Kristie Phillips to the email group for meeting materials. She said Ms. Phillips and she were discussing a possible arts project related to an online photo exhibit that would be exhibited in January. She said the concept was to give students a disposable camera and have their photos collected online for an exhibit. The Commission discussed that this might be done with sister cities in other countries.

Commission Action: Consensus for Commissioner Chew to develop a pilot program.

Commissioner Swan said she would attend the California Alliance for Arts Education meeting the next day.

8. Commissioner Reports

There were none.

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.