



**San Mateo County
Arts Commission**

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Dildar Gill Pisani, 2nd District
Sherrill Swan, 3rd District
Karen Chew, 4th District
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**Regular Meeting of the Arts Commission
Monday, December 21, 2009 - 12 (noon) to 1:30 p.m.
455 County Center, Room 401, 4th Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063**

MINUTES

1. Roll Call

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

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

2. Oral Communications

There were none.

3. Agenda Amendments

There were none.

4. Consideration of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of October 19, 2009

Commissioner Gill Pisani said that on page 2, top of the page, under "Commission Action" to replace "2009-01" with "2009-10." She said on the same page, under 6. Discussion, A. Foundation/Arts Council, 1. Report back, 3rd line to add "examine" after "to"; add "to" between "way" and "support," add "through" before "the current organizations..." She said on the same page, under 7. Subcommittees, 2nd line, to add "back to the Commission" after "staff will get."

Commission Action: M/S Gill Pisani/Swan to approve as modified.

Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Zheng absent.

5. Action Items

A. Consideration of Meeting Dates and Times for 2010

Commission Action: M/S Gill Pisani/Steel to confirm meeting time of 12:00 to 1:30 p.m. and meeting dates for 2010 of February 8, April 19, June 21, August 16, October 18 and December 20.

Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Zheng absent.

B. Consideration of Commissioner Participation in the 6th Annual Cultural & Heritage Symposium, January 27-29, 2010, in Chico, California

The general consensus was not to take any action on this item.

C. Consideration of Sharing Costs with the Commission on the Status of Women for the 2010 Female Gaze Art Exhibit.

Commission Action: M/S Chew/Swan to authorize sharing costs equally with the Commission on the Status of Women for the 2010 Female Gaze Art Exhibit in an amount not to exceed \$500.

Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Zheng absent.

D. Consideration of the Nominating and Selection Process for the Arts Educator of the Year Award

Chair Swan said she had contacted prior recipients of the award to see what they had liked about the award process and what changes might be made to make the award even more meaningful. She said it was suggested by last year's award recipient to have a presentation before the teacher's school board if applicable as well as the recognition by the Board of Supervisors, to not do a presentation in the classroom, to do a press release, and keep the gift certificate for \$100 or instead offer a one-year membership to a local art facility or donation to an arts organization chosen by the honoree.

The Commission reviewed Chair Swan's proposed Arts Educator of the Year Award process recommendations noting that the award winner should be notified in writing by the Commission Chair.

Commissioner Gill Pisani suggested that there be up to two awards, one for visual arts and one for performing arts. The Commission agreed on a \$100 award for up to two recipients and another \$50 to the arts organization of the recipients' choice, and not to exceed \$300 for both awards.

Commission Action: M/S Gill Pisani/Steel to adopt Arts Educator of the Year Award process recommendations as discussed to include up to two awards, one for visual arts and one for performing arts, a \$100 gift to the honoree(s) and a \$50 gift or donation to an arts organization of the honorees' choice, not to exceed \$300.

Motion carried 4-0 with Commission Zheng absent.

E. Consideration of Next Steps for Facilitation Services toward Development of a Local Arts Agency

Commissioner Chew said that Director Holland and she and Commissioner Gill Pisani, the Networking and Support Subcommittee, had met with the consultants of Quinlan Gaston Huey Associates. She indicated that she felt very positive about having a neutral party facilitating discussions on what was needed or wanted in terms of a local arts agency, which would either get the Commission to where it wanted to go or provide the process to determine the best direction for the arts in San Mateo County. Chair Swan said there needed to be definitive action items that came out of the process. Commissioner Chew said she saw this as a two step process to first define direction and then establish action steps. She said that the intent was to bring stakeholders to the table and work inclusively. Commissioner Steel said she would like decisions made on what the Commission was going to do, noting that there was already a

website but that was not marketed and promoted. She said that determining the direction would define the actions needed.

Commission Action: Gill Pisani/Swan to authorize the Networking and Support Subcommittee to work with the consultant to develop a proposal of an action plan for the Commission's consideration.

Motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Zheng absent.

F. Selection of 2010 Chair and Vice Chair

Commission Action: M/S Chew/Steel to nominate Commissioner Gill Pisani for 2010 Commission Chair.

Nomination was approved 4-0 with Commissioner Zheng absent.

Commission Action: M/S Gill Pisani/Chew to nominate Commissioner Steel as Vice chair.

Nomination was approved 4-0 with Commissioner Zheng absent.

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

A. Reports

Commissioner Swan on behalf of the Arts Education Subcommittee said the Arts Education Alliance, San Mateo Chapter, was working on a youth art event at Filoli sometime in August 2010 that might include student performances as well as students' visual art.

Commissioner Chew on behalf of the Networking and Support subcommittee said that a project "Million Little Photos" was being shown in a San Francisco gallery and that she and Commissioner Swan had been discussing a similar project for students.

7. Commissioner Reports

There were none.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.