

CIVIC CULTURAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2009

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Vice Chairperson Cortez, Commissioners Beard, Fischer, Jackson, Newblanc, and Simoulin

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Chairperson Dale

GUESTS PRESENT: Wendy Waller, Matt Beasley, Susie Peyton, Jo Ann Sokolov

STAFF PRESENT: Superintendent Chris Beth, Administrative Assistant Denise Monroe

The regular meeting of the Civic Cultural Commission was called to order at 7:03pm by Vice Chairperson Steve Cortez in Room 1 of the Redwood Shores Library, 399 Marine Parkway, Redwood City, California.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as mailed.

CORRESPONDENCE

-Newsletters and flyers were received from various organizations. A letter was received from Peninsula Symphony inviting the Commissioners to attend their performance of "Flamenco with Angel Romero" on January 16 at the Fox Theatre or January 17 at the Flint Center in Cupertino.

Oral Communications

None

ITEM 1 – GRANT REQUEST

-BeasWa Productions

Matt Beasley and Wendy Waller spoke regarding their grant request of \$1,000.00 to fund two jazz concerts at the Fox Theater. They confirmed that the San Jose Jazz Society will be their fiscal agent for this transaction. Mr. Beasley stated they have decided to produce less shows than last year and spend more money on advertising. Commissioner Jackson expressed concern about the Commission's lack of small grant funds for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2008-2009.

**M/S Simoulin/Cortez: To grant \$1,000 to BeasWa Productions.
Motion passed. (Yes-5, No-1 Fischer)**

-Redwood City Education Foundation (RCEF)

Susie Peyton spoke regarding their two grant requests to help fund the RCEF Essay Contest, which is being run in conjunction with the Commission's Art Contest. Grant request #1 was for \$1,680.40 to underwrite the printing costs of the essay entry forms and Grant request #2 was for \$1,225.00 to help offset the costs of producing books to include essays and art work from the contests. Ms. Peyton spoke about their outreach efforts to increase participation in the joint contest; RCEF's desire to provide books of the essays/art contests to all schools, School District, libraries, Mayor and Commission; and to sell any remaining books as a fundraiser for RCEF.

Commissioner Jackson expressed concern about RCEF receiving the largest grant in FY08-09 and that the Essay Contest did not include all Redwood City students. Ms. Peyton confirmed the private schools were not included because they are not part of the Redwood City Elementary School District, which is the organization that RCEF supports. All public and private school students are invited to participate in the Art Contest, and the Commission will be having their own Awards Ceremony and providing trophies to the winners.

**M/S Fischer/Beard: To grant \$1,680.40 to the Redwood City Education Foundation for the printing costs for the Essay Contest.
Motion passed unanimously.**

**M/S Simoulin/ : To grant \$1,225.00 to the Redwood City Education Foundation for the cost of printing books from the Essay Contest.
Motion died due to lack of a second.**

**M/s Simoulin/Beard: To grant \$700.00 to the Redwood City Education Foundation for the cost of printing 20 books from the Essay Contest.
Motion failed due to a tie. (Yes-3 Beard, Cortez, Simoulin, No-3 Fischer, Jackson, Newblanc)**

**M/S Fischer/Beard: To grant \$175.00 to the Redwood City Education Foundation for the cost of printing four books from the Essay Contest; one book for each Redwood City Library and one for City Hall.
Motion passed. (Yes-5, No-1 Jackson)**

ITEM 2 – DECISION TO REVIEW MEMBERSHIP IN PENINSULA ARTS COUNCIL FOR 2009

**M/S Simoulin/Fischer: To renew the Commission's membership in the Peninsula Arts Council for 2009.
Motion passed. (Yes-5, Abstain-1, Newblanc due to conflict of interest)**

ITEM 3 – FOLLOW-UP ON CITY COUNCIL STUDY SESSION NEXT STEPS

Superintendent Beth suggested the Public Art subcommittee meet to review the notes from the Council Study Session and make recommendations back to the entire Commission, and the Commission agreed. Commissioners Fischer, Jackson and Newblanc will meet with Superintendent Beth. It was suggested using the February Commission meeting to have a facilitated brainstorming session to discuss "branding".

ITEM 4 – SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

-Budget, Breakdown on CCC spending on theatrical performances in FY08-09

The Commissioners were provided with a report categorizing how their funds had been spent in FY08-09. The totals were: Theater performances \$7,100.00, Music performances \$17,000.00, Art/Public Art \$3,900.00, and Other \$16,480.00. Commissioner Simoulin suggested a Commission representative attend each performance/event funded by the Commission and report back on the activity. It

was noted the Department is expecting a budget reduction in FY09-10 which would also reduce the Commission's budget at the same level.

-Communication/Calendar/Website

Nothing to report.

-Community Outreach

Nothing to report.

-Cultural Commission Sponsored Events

Art Contest

All art contest packets will be delivered to the schools tomorrow; all entries are due on February 5 at 3:00pm.

Concerts

Superintendent Beth reported that the subcommittee met this week to review potential bands for the 2009 music concerts and a tentative band list was developed.

-Public Art, Bird Bath Update

Ray of Light

Commissioner Jackson reported that "Ray of Light" was installed outside the Redwood Shores Library and she thanked Commissioner Newblanc and Superintendent Beth for their work on this project.

Morning Song

Superintendent Beth and Commissioner Newblanc will be taking this proposal to the Historic Resources Advisory Board and Architectural Review Board for approval.

Main Library Parking Lot

Superintendent Beth reported that Farris Hix brought this item before the Pride and Beautification Committee and confirmed that this proposal will follow the same process as "Ray of Light".

ITEM 4 – CULTURAL COMMISSION COMMUNITY BRAINSTORMING

Nothing to report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

Items for Next Agenda – Facilitated Discussion for February or March meeting

The regular meeting of the Civic Cultural Commission was adjourned at 9:05pm to be reconvened at 7:00pm on Thursday, February 5, 2009 to be held at the Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, California.