

## CIVIC CULTURAL COMMISSION

### MINUTES OF THURSDAY, MAY 7, 2009

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

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Commissioner Jackson

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Mayor Rosanne Foust, Winners of Cultural Commission Art Contest and their families, Susie Peyton, Farris Hix

**STAFF PRESENT:** Director Corinne Centeno, Administrative Assistant Denise Monroe

The regular meeting of the Civic Cultural Commission was called to order at 7:01pm by Chairperson Warren Dale in City Council Chambers of City Hall, 1017 Middlefield Road, Redwood City, California.

#### **SPECIAL ORDER OF THE DAY – PRESENTATION OF ART CONTEST AWARDS**

Chairperson Dale introduced Mayor Rosanne Foust who helped present trophies to the art contest winners. This year's theme was "What I Want To Be When I Grow Up" and 2,684 entries were received from Redwood City students, grades K-8. This was an increase of 128% from the 2008 contest. Mayor Foust and the Commissioners presented trophies to the following winners:

##### Kindergarten

1<sup>st</sup> Place Iris Flores, Taft  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place William Kreider, Roy Cloud  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Mateo AVECILLA, Roy Cloud

##### First Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place Maya McCarty, Henry Ford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Dakota Beaumont, Clifford  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Justin Mills, Redeemer Lutheran

##### Second Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place Helen Yee, Sandpiper  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Jonathan Woodland, Henry Ford  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place (tie) Jade Margolis, Sandpiper  
Anahi Tabares, Garfield

##### Third Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place Maya Gottard, North Star Academy  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Sofia Tam, Sandpiper  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place (tie) Kamille Suayan, Mt. Carmel  
Vivian Yip, Sandpiper

##### Fourth Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place (tie) Shannon Chen, Sandpiper  
Estefania Maldonado, Clifford  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Sam Winslow, Mt. Carmel

3<sup>rd</sup> Place Ruben Nieto, Hawes

Fifth Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place Wladzio Chytla-Hinze, Mt. Carmel  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Jonathan Garcia, Mt. Carmel  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Eliza Guizar, Taft

Sixth Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place Diego McMurtry, Garfield  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Abby Taussig, Adelante  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Sam King, Redeemer Lutheran

Seventh Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place Triana Subijana, Roy Cloud  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place (tie) Trey Calvillo, Roy Cloud  
Amanda Tsukushi, Mt. Carmel  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Cammi Aimonetti, Mt. Carmel

Eighth Grade

1<sup>st</sup> Place (3-way tie) Shelbi Aimonetti, Mt. Carmel  
Blair Lowndes, Redeemer Lutheran  
Cristian Medina, Mt. Carmel  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place Leilani Paz, Roy Cloud  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Sean-Michael Smith, Redeemer Lutheran

Dakota Beaumont and Sam Winslow were the winners of two \$100.00 gift certificates for art classes donated by the Redwood City Art Center.

The meeting was recessed at 7:30pm for refreshments and was called back to order at 7:55pm.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as mailed.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

-Newsletters and flyers were received from various organizations.

**ITEM 1 – SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**-Budget, Approval to transfer balance of FY08-09 budget to Public Art Fund**

**M/S Fischer/Newblanc: To transfer the remaining balance of the Commission's FY08-09 budget to the Public Art Fund.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

**-Communication/Calendar/Website**

Commissioner Fischer reported she researched the "Artsopolis" website and found it easy to use and felt it would be easy for any group to post activities to the site.

**M/S Fischer/Cortez: To formalize an information sheet for grant requestors to explain the process for advertising events on the "Artsopolis" website.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

### **-Community Outreach**

No report.

### **-Cultural Commission Sponsored Events**

#### *-Art Contest/Essay Contest Update*

Administrative Assistant Denise Monroe reported that a total of 4,643 entries (2,684 art; 1,959 essay) were received in the art/essay contest. She said the partnership with the Redwood City Education Foundation (RCEF) helped increase our public school participation because RCEF was able to make personal contact with every school principal. Denise also mentioned that the book of essays and art contest entries produced by Susie Peyton was very well done and a wonderful item for the schools to own.

Susie Peyton of RCEF thanked the Commission for their support of the Essay Contest. She displayed the art/essay book and mentioned that every public school was represented in the book, including Garfield School which will be joining the District next year. She stated if the Commissioners were still interested in purchasing a book for each of the 17 Redwood City public schools, she would be placing a final order next week. Cost was estimated to be \$42.00 per book.

**M/S Newblanc/Beard: To allocate \$714.00 for the purchase of 17 RCEF essay/art books for Redwood City public schools.**

**Motion passed unanimously.**

Chairperson Dale requested that a notation be made inside each book stating "Compliments of Redwood City Civic Cultural Commission".

#### *-Concert Series Update*

Director Centeno stated that former Commissioner Allan Mueller has volunteered to secure the master of ceremonies (MC) for all the Stafford and Downtown Concerts. Mayor Foust has requested to be the MC for the May 29 downtown concert. The Commissioners discussed the matter and decided they would sign up to MC for the concerts, and that Mr. Mueller could arrange the remaining concerts.

### **-Public Art**

#### *Bird Bath Update, Request to approve Tower/Books birdbath near Main Library*

Farris Hix reviewed the proposed birdbath project to be located near the Main Library parking lot facing City Hall. He said he spoke about the proposal with the stakeholders within City Hall and all groups were in support. Mr. Hix also provided the Commissioners with a revised project cost of \$124,335 and said that any funds not used for the project would be returned. He said this cost does not include a \$100.00 monthly fountain maintenance fee.

The Commissioners discussed the project including the cost; preventing children from climbing on the sculpture; proposed timeline; and working with the artist. There was also discussion on working with the Library Board to select the titles of the books for the sculpture and getting public input. Mr. Hix said he would discuss this with the Library Board and bring back a process for the book title selection. Director Centeno pointed out that staff would need to work on developing a contract with the artist and that Council would also need to approve the project.

**M/S Newblanc/Beard: To proceed to take the conceptual design to City Council for approval; to approve up to \$124,335 for this project from the G.R. Cress Birdbath Fund; and to instruct staff to develop an agreement with the artist; and to have Vice Chairperson Steve Cortez work with Farris Hix on the process for selecting the book titles in the project design. Motion passed unanimously.**

## **ITEM 2 – CULTURAL COMMISSION COMMUNITY BRAINSTORMING**

The commissioners decided to postpone their May 17 brainstorming session to August or September.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-Chairperson Dale stated he will be out of town for the June meeting. Director Centeno asked the Commissioners if they wished to move the date of their July 2 meeting due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday, and the Commissioners decided to move it to Thursday, June 25.

The Commissioners spoke about the various cultural events they attended during the past 30 days.

Items for Next Agenda – Large Grant Presentations for Fiscal Year 2009-2010

The regular meeting of the Civic Cultural Commission was adjourned at 9:22pm to be reconvened at 7:00pm on Thursday, June 4, 2009 to be held at the Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, California.