

## **CIVIC CULTURAL COMMISSION**

### **MINUTES OF THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2009**

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

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Commissioner Beard

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Matt Beasley, Wendy Waller

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

The regular meeting of the Civic Cultural Commission was called to order at 7:00pm by Chairperson Warren Dale in Room 1 of the Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, California.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A spelling correction was made to the June 4 minutes. The minutes were approved as corrected.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

-Newsletters and flyers were received from various organizations.

#### **Oral Communications**

None

#### **ITEM 1 – SMALL GRANT REQUESTS - FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010**

##### *-BeasWa Productions*

Matt Beasley and Wendy Waller spoke regarding their grant request of \$1,000 to fund two jazz concerts in July and October at the Little Fox Theater. Mr. Beasley confirmed that San Jose Jazz Society will be their fiscal agent for these concerts.

**M/S Cortez/Fischer: To grant \$500.00 to BeasWa Productions.  
Motion passed. (Yes-5, No-1 Simoulin)**

#### **ITEM 2 – LARGE GRANT DECISIONS – FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010**

Director Centeno announced that the City Council did not approve the Commission's request to transfer the balance of their FY08-09 budget into the Public Art Fund. She confirmed the Commission's FY09-10 budget was reduced 5% and the Council does not plan to make any further changes to the Commission's budget in this coming fiscal year. Director Centeno explained the City is anticipating additional cuts of \$4.2 million from the State in September, and staff will be preparing a list of budget cut options for the Council. The Commission asked if they could fund some of the large grants from their FY08-09 budget for events that are currently in operation.

**M/S Newblanc/Fischer: To fund the following grants from FY08-09 budget: Kiwanis Farmers Market \$3,500; Historic Resources Advisory Committee \$3,000; and Kainos \$2,500.  
Motion passed unanimously.**

The Commissioners discussed the remaining large grants to be funded from their FY09-10 budget.

**M/S Simoulin/Jackson: To grant \$3,000.00 to Ballet America.  
Motion passed unanimously.**

**M/S Fischer/Cortez: To grant \$4,850.00 to Hometown Holidays.  
Motion passed unanimously.**

**M/S Simoulin/Jackson: To grant \$400.00 to Miss Redwood City Scholarship Organization.  
Motion failed due to tie. (Yes-3, No-3)**

**M/S Cortez/Jackson: To grant \$1,950.00 to Northern California Bluegrass Society.  
Motion passed. (Yes-5, No-1 Simoulin)**

**M/S Cortez/ : To grant \$1,000.00 to North Star Academy.  
Motion failed due to lack of a second.**

**M/S Simoulin/Newblanc: To grant \$2,100.00 to North Star Academy.  
Motion passed unanimously.**

**M/S Newblanc/Fischer: To grant \$4,000.00 to Peninsula Symphony.  
Motion passed unanimously.**

**M/S Newblanc/Simoulin: To grant \$3,000.00 to Redwood City Community Theater.  
Motion passed unanimously.**

**M/S Simoulin/Cortez: To grant \$9,000.00 to Redwood City Education Foundation.  
Motion passed. (Yes-5, No-1 Jackson)**

**M/S Cortez/Simoulin: To grant \$1,625.00 to Redwood City International.  
Motion passed unanimously.**

**M/S Fischer/Cortez: To fund the Redwood City International grant from the Cultural Commission Sponsored Events category.  
Motion passed. (Yes-5, No-1 Simoulin)**

**M/S Cortez/Jackson: To grant \$2,085.00 to the Redwood City Police Activities League.  
Motion passed unanimously.**

**M/S Newblanc/Simoulin: To grant \$1,300.00 to the Roosevelt Elementary School PTA.  
Motion passed unanimously.**

**M/S Fischer/Simoulin: To grant \$3,000.00 to the San Mateo Community Colleges Foundation.  
Motion passed. (Yes-5, No-1 Jackson)**

**M/S Fischer/Jackson: To increase grant to Peninsula Symphony by \$284.00. Motion failed. (Yes-1, No-5)**

**M/S Newblanc/Cortez: To move remaining funds of \$284.00 in Large Grant category into Small Grant Category. Motion passed unanimously.**

The Commissioners requested that the Miss Redwood City Scholarship Organization come to a future meeting to be considered a small grant request.

### **ITEM 3 – SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **-Public Art**

Commissioners Newblanc and Fischer offered to work with the Historic Resources Advisory Committee on their proposed mural in downtown Redwood City.

The "Tower of Books" birdbath needs to be approved by the Architectural Advisory Committee and Commissioner Newblanc and Superintendent Beth will work on this presentation.

The mosaic proposal will be discussed at the August Commission meeting.

#### **-Budget**

Item was discussed under Item 2.

#### **-Communication/Calendar/Website**

Nothing to report.

#### **-Community Outreach**

Nothing to report.

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

Nothing to report.

### **ITEM 4 – CULTURAL COMMISSION COMMUNITY BRAINSTORMING**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

-Superintendent Beth discussed the many, many City sponsored events happening in Redwood City, including the Peninsula Symphony Concert in Courthouse Square on Saturday, June 27.

-Director Centeno stated the Planning Director wants to bring the Quality of Life element, part of the City's General Plan, to our commissions for review and comment. Staff will be looking at setting up a joint meeting in late July or early August.

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

Items for Next Agenda – Quality of Life, Small grant request from Miss Redwood City Scholarship Organization

The regular meeting of the Civic Cultural Commission was adjourned at 9:10pm to be reconvened at 7:00pm on Thursday, August 6, 2009 to be held at the Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, California.