

CIVIC CULTURAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairperson Dale, Commissioners Beard, Jackson (arrived 7:12pm), Newblanc and Simoulin

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Vice Chairperson Cortez, Commissioner Fischer

GUESTS PRESENT: Amy O'Callahan, Steve Carlton, Chris Cheshire, Paul Sanfilipo, Catherine Delfs, Mary Wyckoff, Skip Bouchet, Paul Schrage

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 7:05pm by Chairperson Warren Dale in Room 1 of the Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, California.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 25 and August 6 meetings were approved as mailed.

CORRESPONDENCE

-Newsletters and flyers were received from various organizations.

Oral Communications

None

ITEM 1 – SMALL GRANT REQUESTS

-Miss Redwood City Scholarship Association

Chris Cheshire spoke regarding their grant request of \$1,000.00 for the Miss Redwood City-Miss San Mateo County Scholarship Organization and \$500 for the Miss Redwood City-San Mateo County Outstanding Teen Scholarship Organization. She explained that the teen program is for ages 13-17 and the other program is for ages 17-23.

-St. Peter's Chamber Orchestra

Paul Schrage, conductor of the orchestra, spoke regarding their grant request of \$1,000.00 to fund a rehearsal of the orchestra.

-Peninsula Symphony

Amy O'Callahan spoke regarding their grant request of \$1,000.00 which would fund the Bridge to Music Program for Garfield School, which is a new addition to the program.

-Sequoia Art Group

Catherine Delfts spoke about their grant request of \$900.00 to fund their 2010 Spring Art Show to be held at the Community Activities Building.

M/S Newblanc/Beard: To grant \$1,000.00 to the Peninsula Symphony for the Bridges to Music Program.

Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Jackson/Simoulin: To grant \$1,000.00 to the St. Peter's Chamber Orchestra.

Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Simoulin/Newblanc: To grant \$900.00 to the Sequoia Art Group.

Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Simoulin/Beard: To grant \$500.00 to the Miss Redwood City-San Mateo County Outstanding Teen Organization.

Motion passed. (Yes-4, No-1 Newblanc)

M/S Jackson/Beard: To grant \$1,000.00 to the Miss Redwood City-Miss San Mateo County Organization.

Motion failed. (Yes-2, No-3)

M/S Simoulin/Jackson: To grant \$500.00 to the Miss Redwood City-Miss San Mateo County Organization.

Motion passed. (Yes-4, No-1 Newblanc)

ITEM 3 – SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

-Budget

Director Centeno explained that due to the State's newly adopted FY 09-10 budget, the City is facing another \$2.9 million in cuts and the department's portion of those cuts is almost \$900,000. The department has been asked to come up with additional cuts which would be effective January 1, 2010, and the City Council will be looking at potential budget cuts from all departments at its September 14 meeting. She mentioned that cuts in staffing may result in reduced Commission support.

-Communication/Calendar/Website

Nothing to report.

-Community Outreach

Nothing to report.

-Cultural Commission Sponsored Events

Concert Series Update - An additional concert on October 9 has been added to the Downtown Concert schedule.

Chairperson Dale and Commissioner Simoulin spoke about plans for a Chinese New Year event on February 6, 2010 at Courthouse Square.

-Public Art

Commissioner Newblanc noted the names of the books have been selected for the "Tower of Books" birdbath. He mentioned that the birdbath selected for the Main Post Office location is ready to go to the Historic Resources Advisory Committee and the Architectural Review Committee. Chairperson Dale volunteered to help bring the project to the next step in the approval process.

ITEM 4 – CULTURAL COMMISSION COMMUNITY BRAINSTORMING

A mardi gras event was suggested as a future program. Superintendent Beth is talking with the San Francisco Shakespeare Company who is considering moving from San Mateo to Redwood City. There was also discussion about a possible choir event during December.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Superintendent Beth stated the PAL Comedy Night is scheduled for October 1 which is the same night as the Commission's October meeting and asked if the Commission would be willing to change their meeting night.

The regular meeting of the Civic Cultural Commission was adjourned at 8:45pm to be reconvened at 7:00pm on Thursday, October 1, 2009 to be held at the Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, California.