

CIVIC CULTURAL COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2010

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

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Commissioner Jackson

GUESTS PRESENT: Susie Peyton, JoAnn Soklov, Karyl Hoke, Jay Whitehill

STAFF PRESENT: Director Chris Beth, Administrative Assistant Denise Monroe

The regular meeting of the Civic Cultural Commission was called to order at 7:04pm by Chairperson Warren Dale in Room 1 of the Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, California.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A small correction was made to the January 7 minutes. The minutes of the January meeting were approved as corrected.

CORRESPONDENCE

-Newsletters and flyers were received from various organizations.

Oral Communications

None

ITEM 1 – SMALL GRANT REQUESTS

-Redwood City Education Foundation

Susie Peyton spoke about their grant request of \$1,000 to fund a mural project for all seventeen schools in the Redwood City School District.

-Clifford School Parents Club

Karyl Hoke and Jay Whitehill spoke about their \$811.00 grant request to help fund the supplies for Clifford School's Art in Action program which has been expanded to include grades 6, 7, and 8.

M/S Simoulin/Cortez: To grant \$1,000 to the Redwood City Education Foundation and fund it from the Public Art grant category.

Commissioner Newblanc stated the Public Art sub-committee has plans for the funds in the Public Art Grant category and asked that the grant be funded from another category.

Motion withdrawn by maker and second.

M/S Fischer/Beard: To reconsider the grant from Redwood City Education Foundation.

Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Newblanc/Fischer: To grant \$1,000 to the Redwood City Education Foundation and fund it from the John Raitt Fund and the remainder from the Contingency category.

Motion passed unanimously.

M/S Newblanc/Beard: To grant \$811.00 to the Clifford School Parents Club and fund it from the Small Grant category.

Motion passed unanimously.

The following item was taken out of order:

ITEM 3 – SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

-Cultural Commission Sponsored Events

The subcommittee presented a list of potential themes for the 2010 Art Contest. The Commissioners discussed the proposed themes, asked for input from the audience members, and selected "Living in the Future" as the art contest theme.

ITEM 2 – DEBRIEFING OF COMMISSION SPONSORED EVENTS HELD JULY-DECEMBER 2009

The Commissioners reviewed and evaluated the Commission-sponsored events for the first half of the fiscal year. It was suggested that an online survey be developed for applicants to complete after their event was held.

Returned to Item 3, Sub-Committee Reports

-Budget

Director Beth reported the department is being asked to formulate budget cuts of up to 8% for the FY2010-2011 budget. He noted that if the department has to absorb a budget cut next fiscal year, the same percentage budget cut will be applied the Cultural Commission as well as the Human Services Financial Assistance Program.

-Public Art

Commissioner Newblanc and Fischer spoke about using funds in the Public Art Grant Fund to sponsor a mural in the alley behind businesses on El Camino Real and Broadway between Perry Street and Brewster Avenue. The Commissioners discussed the proposed mural project and asked about alternative sites which were more visible to the public.

M/S Fischer/Newblanc: To approve the conceptual mural project and use \$4,481.00 of Public Art Grant Fund for the project.

Motion passed. (Yes-4, No-2 Cortez, Simoulin)

-Community Outreach

Commissioner Cortez distributed a draft Commission Resources Guide and requested that each Commissioner identify 3 to 4 non-profit groups who could be invited to an information session. Chairperson Dale asked that the Commissioners review the draft which will be discussed at the March meeting.

-Communication/Calendar/Website

Commissioner Newblanc stated he developed a proposal for our website and Director Beth said he would contact him to discuss further.

ITEM 4 – CULTURAL COMMISSION COMMUNITY BRAINSTORMING

Item deferred until next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairperson Dale stated he has another commitment the same date as the March Commission meeting and asked if the Commission wanted to change the meeting date.

Items for March agenda – Approval of Large Grant Packet, Bird Bath update, Update on Mural Project, Review of Commission Resources Guide and names of prospective groups

The regular meeting of the Civic Cultural Commission was adjourned at 9:23pm to be reconvened at 7:00pm on Thursday, March 4, 2010 to be held at the Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, California.