



San Mateo County Arts Commission

Cindy Zheng, 1st District
Robin Rodricks, 2nd District
Sherrill Swan, 3rd District
Karen Chew, 4th District
Lisa Steel, 5th District

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Regular Meeting of the Arts Commission
Wednesday, February 9, 2011
1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
455 County Center, Room 401, 4th Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063

MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Chair Steel called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Commissioners: Chew, Rodricks (Vice Chair), Swan (Arrived at 1:40 p.m.), Steel (Chair), Zheng (Absent)

Staff: Bennett, Holland, Hunter, Lockman, Porter, Tolmasoff

2. Agenda Amendments

There were none.

Director Holland introduced Public Works Director Porter and Parks Superintendent Lockman to the Commission. He explained that the Parks Department, which supports the Arts Commission, was being merged with the Department of Public Works, and that he was now in the County Manager's Office as the Assistant County Manager.

3. Consideration of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of February 9, 2011

Commission Action: M/S Rodricks/Steel to approve as submitted.

Motion carried with Commissioner Swan not yet in attendance.

4. Discussion

A. City of San Mateo Art Fair – Linda Asbury, President/CEO, Chamber of Commerce

Ms. Linda Asbury, President/CEO, Chamber of Commerce, City of San Mateo, said the City was planning an art fair for September 10 and 11, 2011 modeled similarly to the annual Sausalito Arts Festival. She reviewed the planning details with the Commission. She said that they needed sponsors and wanted to get the word out to artists and artist groups. She said one local art group had asked that they have a section devoted to local artists.

Commissioner Chew suggested putting an ad or other information about the festival on the discoversmc.com website.

The Chair recognized Mr. Michael Denning. Mr. Denning said he was Executive Director of Project New Groove, a 501.3c non-profit organization. He said his group provides arts related coaching, mentoring and outlets for at-risk and incarcerated youth. He said the wanted to purchase a building in the midcoast for their organization and also wanted contacts for those interested in using their services.

Director Porter asked staff to get Mr. Denning a contact from the Youth and Family Services Division.

Recognized by the Chair, Ms. Susan Friedman said she recently completed the survey for the Arts Commission and wanted to bring the Commission's attention to the Redwood Symphony, which performs at Canada College.

5. Action Items

A. Selection of San Mateo County Arts Educators of the Year

After a short discussion, the Commission's consensus was to award the 2011 San Mateo County Arts Educator of the Year recognition to four individuals: Jay Jordan, Music, Emilee Getter, Stage and Theater, Nancy Call Torres, Visual Arts, and Betsy Halaby, Arts Education Development.

Commission Action: M/S Rodricks/Swan to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that they commend by resolution Jay Jordan, Music, Emilee Getter, Stage and Theater, Nancy Call Torres, Visual Arts, and Betsy Halaby, Arts Education Development as the 2011 San Mateo County Arts Educators of the Year. Additionally, the Commission will present each individual with \$100, and another \$50 to a San Mateo County-based arts organization of the awardees' choice.

Motion carried 4-0.

6. Report on Women's History Month Art Show

Commissioner Rodricks said the subcommittee met and had developed guidelines for the show. She said entries would be accepted on Friday March 4, and the show would run March 7 through April 29. She said the reception would be Tuesday, March 8, from 3 to 5 p.m.

7. Reports from Subcommittees (Arts Education, Budget, Curation, Marketing, Networking and Support, Policy)

Chair Steel said the budget committee would bring a recommended 2011-2012 budget and work plan to the Commission at the April meeting.

Commissioner Chew said the CAST survey results were being compiled by the consultant prior to the next stage of interviews. She said her intent was to hang the Youth Exchange Photo Show in May or June.

8. Commissioner Reports

There were none.

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.