

Regular Meeting of the San Mateo County Arts Commission
Wednesday, March 13, 2013
1:00 to 2:30pm

Minutes

1. Roll Call

Chair Rodricks called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Commission: Mulliken, Rodricks (chair), Swan (vice chair), Chew. Steel
Staff: Jensen, Tolmasoff

2. Agenda Amendments

None.

3. Oral Communications

Marci Dragn, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Warren Slocum, addressed the Commission for two minutes regarding the newly formed Poet Laureate Advisory Committee. She requested one representative from the Arts Commission serve on this committee. Chair Rodricks was asked to place the selection of an Arts Commissioner on the April meeting agenda.

4. Consideration of Minutes

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Commission Action: M/S Chew Swan
Motion carried 5-0

5. Reports

A. Curator's Report

Arts Commission Curator, Teresa Silvestri, reported that the Annual Women's Art Show has been installed with a reception to be held Friday, March 15, 2013, from 3:00 -5:00 p.m. Supervisor Carole Groom will present the awards. There are a total of 62 entries with a limit of three entries per artist.

B. Grants' Manager's Report

Arts Commission Grants' Manager, Esther Mallouh, reported that she has been doing publicity for the Commission's new grants' program and will be holding a Grant Making Workshop on March 28 from 10:30 a.m. until noon in the Laurel Room at the main library in San Mateo. She reported that she is forming an independent panel that will review the grants' applications. Our supplementary education grants will need to be approved at the regular Commission meeting on April 10, 2013 in order that they can be disbursed on April 19, 2013. Chair Rodricks announced that the William and Flora Hewlett Foundation has agreed to match our grant making budget for two years.

6. Action Items

The review and adoption of a Grants Program as part of a two-year budget cycle was tabled until the regular meeting of the Arts Commission in June. The Commission budget will be prepared for the regular meeting in April for approval in May.

7. Staff and Commission Reports

None.

8. Discussion Items

A. Advisory Auxiliary Committee

Ms. Jensen reminded the Commission that rules for creating an advisory group would require this group to comply with the “Brown Act” and have an appointed liaison from the Arts Commission.

Ms. Mallouh commented about the leveraging affect that an advisory group would have on the Commission, such as helping to generate support from the county business environment, helping to keep the political environment consistent with a vibrant promotion of the arts, and helping to collaborate with other county departments.

Commissioner Chew expressed concern about the Commission staying focused on working on programs that would be an enticement for people to serve on a committee such as this, and Commissioner Swan commented about the amount of work that it would take to manage the group.

Commissioners will begin research into Advisory Auxiliaries to other Arts Commissions to determine their structure policies and present their findings at the Commission’s regular meeting in May.

B. Ethics Training for Commissioners

The Commission was reminded of the need for its members to complete the on-line Ethics Training.

9. Adjournment

Chair Rodricks adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the San Mateo County Arts Commission will take place April 10, 2013.