

**ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**February 14, 2007, 3:30 p.m.**

**Commissioners Present:** Beaulieu, Marable, Michael, Rezak  
**Commissioners Absent:** Duer, Hill  
**Staff Present:** Moore  
**Guests/Visitors Present:** None

**Call to Order and Welcome.** Chair Beaulieu convened the meeting at 3:40 p.m. and welcomed all.

**Public Comment:** None

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Rezak asked staff to correct a typographical error, and Rezak moved to approve minutes of the January 10th meeting. Commissioner Michal seconded, and the motion was carried.

**Request for high-speed Internet service for the AC5 office:** Ms. Moore is requesting high-speed internet service for the office. While it is possible to manage the web site with dial-up service, it takes extra time to upload files. With the new web site, it is no longer necessary to use the Constant Contact Service for newsletters, which was costing \$20 per month. This savings could be used to upgrade to a high-speed service, either Comcast or AT&T. The commissioners recommended that staff explore whether AC5 can “piggy-back” onto whatever contract the County has in place for internet services to save money. Additionally, staff will price AT & T service. We have a quote from Comcast, which is \$33/mo for the first year.

**California Arts Council SLPP Grant FY06-07:** Through the efforts of Ms. Moore and Commissioners Michael and Duer, the grant application was submitted on time. AC5 will not know till March or April whether we will receive a grant.

Commission Michael discussed her research into the CCSESA (California County Superintendents Educational Services Association), which she pursued because CAC requires that their local partners engage with this association, which is in the process of planning for reintroducing/fortifying arts education in the K-12 curriculum. This initiative is being funded by the Hewlitt Foundation. CCSESA is holding a conference in Sacramento in mid-May (State of the Arts: Leadership in Education Conference). Ms. Michael requests that a commissioner volunteer to be AC5’s Arts Education coordinator/liaison. This would require attendance at the May conference, ArtReach meetings in Walnut Creek (monthly), as well as making connections with local agencies on behalf of AC5. The volunteer would keep AC5 informed of arts education issues and opportunities as we determine how we could best partner with local organizations to assist Contra Costa County efforts to improve arts education. Ms. Michael stated that the volunteer does not necessarily have to be an AC5 commissioner, anyone with the time and the ability could act as our liaison.

**Symposium Co-Sponsorship with California Lawyers for the Arts (CALA):** The event, called “California Arts and Healthy Communities”, is tomorrow, and we’re ready to roll. AC5 is hosting the reception following the symposium, at Strings restaurant. The Contra Costa Times did a nice article, which will print tomorrow.

**Symposium on the Creative Process:** Commissioner Marable reported back on the cost for providing catered meals at St. Mary's and the uncertainty over reserving the space. He contacted St. Mary's re: co-sponsorship, but doesn't have an answer as yet.

There was further discussion as to how to assure there would be an adequate audience for such an event; a query could be put out on Artbeat asking for comments on whether its readers would be interested in this type of symposium, and whether a whole-day format or multiple evening format would be seen as more favorable. Ms. Moore agreed to draft a query and work with Commissioner Marable on it. Additionally, doing an informal telephone survey of our local arts contacts was discussed.

#### **Committee Reports:**

**Communications Committee:** Commissioner Rezak will be speaking with the Willows re: whether they would consider hosting the Arts Recognition Awards at either the Willows Theatre or the new Cabaret.

Commissioner Michael is working with our web master on a volunteer sign-up area for the web site.

**Public Art Committee:** No meeting has occurred. The Commission requested that the permanent lobby sign for Art Passages be updated, and the commissioner names should be eliminated so it doesn't get outdated.

**Office Manager Report:** Ms. Moore presented the January Expenditure Details. The Commission requested that in the future she provide the updated budget each month so a more complete picture can be seen.

**Commission Vacancies:** It is hoped that by the March meeting, there will be no vacancies. Supervisor's Piepho's office has committed to making an appointment in February.

#### **Brief Commissioner Reports:**

- Commissioner Beaulieu announced that he will be appearing as a guest on Painting Gourmet, a San Jose TV show featuring the arts. He will let us know the date. The associated web site is [www.paintinggourmet.com](http://www.paintinggourmet.com).
- Commissioner Rezak asked for an update on the Contra Costa County Is Public Service project. Staff will give a status at the next meeting.

#### **Request for Agenda Items:**

- Next meeting is scheduled for March 14th at 3:30 p.m. at 651 Pine Street, Room 105.

#### **New Business:**

- Ms. Moore has been contacted by Judge Berkow of the Art in the Courthouse committee, which is holding a reception at the end of May. She requests that an AC5 commissioner make some brief comments about the program at the reception. Commissioner Beaulieu agreed to do so.

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.