

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
MINUTES OF MEETING
October 10, 2007, 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Callahan, Duer, Michael, Trezek
Commissioners Absent: Marable, excused due to illness
Staff Present: Moore
Guests/Visitors Present: none

Call to Order and Welcome. Chair Michael convened the meeting at 7:07 p.m. and welcomed new commissioner Christine Callahan, District 4. Christine introduced herself, giving an overview of her law practice, her community work with such organizations as the Concord Chamber of Commerce, the Concord Planning Commission, and the Art in the Courthouse Committee. Christine is a Contra Costa native whose love for the arts began as a child watching her mother paint and participate in community arts groups.

Public Comment: none

Approval of Minutes: Vice-Chair Trezek moved to approve the September minutes, Commissioner Duer seconded and the motion was carried.

Request for Sponsorship of County Libraries 2008 Reading Festival – Vice Chair Trezek, who also sits on the county library commission, provided information about a reading festival planned by the library commission for May 2008. They asked that AC5 be listed as a sponsor of the event, and perhaps help spread the word to our constituents. Trezek will keep AC5 informed of any requests which would require additional resources of AC5. Commissioner Callahan moved that AC5 sponsor the event, not to include a financial commitment; Commissioner Duer seconded, and the motion was carried.

Commission Vacancies - Staff reported to the commission that the Board of Supervisors approved the addition of an Alternate Seat, and AC5's bylaws have been updated accordingly. The commission interviewed three applicants for the At-large and Alternate seats, and voted to recommend appointment of Shelley Barry to the At-Large seat, and P.J. Shelton to the Alternate seat. Staff will forward this recommendation to the Internal Operations committee for review and recommendation to the Board.

CAC Request for Participation on "POETRY OUT LOUD" program - Chair Michael provided information to the group on the National Endowment for the Arts' 3rd annual Poetry Out Loud recitation competition for high school students. The California Arts Commission has asked for AC5's participation this year, as they have gotten inquiries from county teachers wishing to participate. She outlined the effort involved for AC5, including extensive outreach to county high schools to get participation, and culminating in arranging a countywide competition for the finalists in late February. County winners proceed to a state completion; state winners go to Washington D.C. for the national finals. Michael has offered to spearhead these efforts, and has found a volunteer, Darija Walker, who would be willing to help. Vice-Chair Trezek moved to approve AC5's participation; Commissioner Callahan seconded, and the motion was carried.

Arts Recognition Awards (ARA) 2007 – Things are falling into place nicely for the event on the 21st. Commissioners agreed to be on site by 2:00 p.m. to help prepare.

Brief Commissioner Reports: none.

Office Manager Report:

- August expenditures were distributed.
- Moore announced that AC5's April efforts to spread the word on CAC's "My California Story Slam" resulted in Contra Costa County having the largest number of entries in the state. The county winner is a student at Deer Valley High School, and plans are being made to present to \$1000 student prize and the \$1000 prize to the school's library.

Request for Agenda Items:

Next meeting is scheduled for November 14th at 7:00 p.m. at the Concord Police Station Community Room. The agenda will include a review of the arts awards event and suggestions for next year's event.

New Business: None

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.