

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY
MINUTES OF MEETING
January 9, 2008 7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Duer, Callahan, Trezek, Barry, Michael
Commissioners Absent: Marable, Shelton
Staff Present: Moore, Rusich
Guests/Visitors Present: Bob Seible

Call to Order and Welcome. Chair Michael convened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. and welcomed new contractor Patricia Rusich.

Public Comment: None. Seible was not present at this time.

Approval of Minutes: Michael noted change*; Critique of Arts Recognition Awards (ARA) 2007 – The commission discussed ideas for improving on the program. A committee will be formed in the spring to determine appropriate changes and formalize them – commissioners who have an interest in these issues should consider joining the *committee. Commissioner Duer moved to approve the December minutes with correction noted by Michael, Trezek seconded and the motion was carried.

“POETRY OUT LOUD” program – Moore and Chair Michael reported their update.

Review Goals Stated in June Planning Retreat –

Arts Scholars Recognition - Callahan volunteered to research cost to honor the county arts scholars through print media.

Mural Painting Workshop - eliminated due to resignation of Commissioner Beaulieu.

Update Cultural Plan - Trezek volunteered to lead efforts to create this survey of the community.

Arts Directory - Motion made by Callahan to approve the funds for the Arts Directory (\$1,500.00 for set up plus \$400.00 per month maintenance.) Seconded by Barry and motion was carried.

Committee Reports – Public Art Committee – no meeting held

Brief Commissioner Reports: Commissioner Trezek is sending her own letter to the CA State Assembly to advocate the passage of Bill 1365. (AC5 has already done so). Commissioner Callahan shared that she visited the Di Rosa Preserve in Napa County and highly recommends visiting. Commissioner Barry announced that the open studios for the San Ramon Valley will be held June 6-7.

Office Manager Report (Presented by Moore)

November Expenditures / YTD report. Expenditure for November \$4282.89

California Cultural Data Project: Moore and Trezek attended informational meeting regarding project, dedicated to strengthening the arts in California and streamlining the grant application process for cultural organizations. AC5 will promote this new tool to the CCC arts community.

Creative Work Fund: Workshop scheduled for January 25, 2008 at the Concord Library. This workshop is for educating literary and performing artists who are collaborating with nonprofit organizations on the process for applying for a grant. Grants are available from \$10,000 to \$40,000.

Request for Agenda Items - (none) Next meeting February 13, 2008

New Business: Commissioners Duer and Marable volunteered to serve on the 2008 Arts Recognition Awards Committee. (Marable by way of phone conversation with Moore)

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Rusich