



San Mateo County Arts Commission

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**Regular Meeting of the Arts Commission
Monday, March 1, 2010 - 12 (noon) to 1:30 p.m.
455 County Center, Room 401, 4th Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063**

MINUTES

1. Roll Call

Chair Gill-Pisani called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

Commissioners: Chew, Gill Pisani (Chair), Steel (Vice Chair), Swan, Zheng

2. Oral Communications

There were none.

3. Agenda Amendments

There were none.

4. Consideration of Minutes

A. Regular Meeting of December 21, 2009

Commission Action: M/S Chew/Swan to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion carried 5-0.

5. Action Items

A. Consideration of a Major Focused Project in Support of the Arts in 2010

Chair Gill Pisani introduced Ms. Kathleen Quinlan and Ms. Sara Gaston-Huey of Quinlan Gaston Huey Associates. She said that Commissioner Chew, Director Holland and she as the Networking and Support Subcommittee had met with Meses. Quinlan and Gaston-Huey to discuss a process for a major focused project for strengthening and supporting the arts in San Mateo County.

Ms. Gaston-Huey said that the process to create a plan to strengthen and support the arts in San Mateo County would include a planning group of 5-7 people who would identify the questions the planning process should answer. She said when the plan was in place there would be a need for a working group to implement and own responsibility for the plan. She said the composition of the working group would be determined by the Arts Commission.

Commissioner Swan asked whether the consultants would continue through the entire process to monitor the implementation of a plan. Ms. Quinlan said they would meet with the Networking and Support Subcommittee to determine the specifics and range of services desired.

Director Holland noted impacts to the County from the economy and changes to work load and organizational alignment. He said a Charter Review Committee and the County were looking at the number of commissions and the value those added to the County. He said from the standpoint of the Arts Commission the intent has been to reach out to the art communities, business and the cities to have a public discussion on what was needed for the arts in San Mateo County. He said within this proposed process the planning committee would include two commissioners and representatives from the community.

Commissioner Swan asked how long the process would take. Ms. Quinlan said it would take at least six months. Chair Gill Pisani indicated that this project was expected to be funded over this and next fiscal year.

Commission Action: M/S Swan/Chew to undertake a focused planning project toward strengthening and supporting the arts in San Mateo County and to authorize the Networking and Support Subcommittee to develop a proposal for services with Quinlan Gaston-Huey Associates.

Motion carried 5-0.

B. Consideration of the Commission's Budget Proposal for 2010-2011

It was the consensus of the Commission that further discussion was needed on the Budget Proposal for 2010-2011; the Budget Subcommittee will meet and develop a proposal for FY 2010-2011.

Commission Action: M/S Steel/Swan to table this agenda item.

Motion carried 5-0.

C. Consideration of a Request to Contribute toward the Funding of a Project Manager for a Youth Art Event at Filoli

Commissioner Swan said the San Mateo Arts Education Alliance was planning a youth arts event at Filoli and requested the Commission partially fund the cost of an event manager for the event. She said the funding would be part of an estimated \$15,000 needed for the manager and recommended that the \$1,000 sponsorship be contingent upon the balance of the funding for the position secured.

In the discussion that followed, various Commissioners expressed concern as to the limited number of schools participating and questioned the need to pay a manager.

Commissioner Action: M/S Swan/Steel to provide a \$1,000 sponsorship for a project manager for a youth art event at Filoli contingent upon the securing of the balance of the funding for the position.

Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Gill Pisani opposing.

D. Consideration of a Request for Funding of a Youth Photo Project

Commissioner Chew introduced Ms. Kristie Phillips, who teaches Art History at Stanford University. Ms. Phillips presented a PowerPoint presentation on the arts education project proposal which would provide for an exchange of photos for display between students in the Redwood City Hoover Afterschool Program and students in an afterschool program in Todos Santos. She said the funding requested would supply an estimated 53 disposable digital cameras to the two school groups, printing of the photos, materials for displaying the photos, reception and shipping costs. She said students would be encouraged to write narratives to accompany their photos and the highlight would be a display of the photos and an exchange.

Commissioner Chew said the estimated cost range for this arts education project would be \$1,060 to \$1,370. Commissioner Zheng indicated it might be possible to get funding from an organization she works with for the project, and she would look into that.

Commission Action: M/S Chew/Swan to fund the arts education project in an amount not to exceed \$1,370 and for the Arts Commission fund to be reimbursed if Commissioner Zheng secures other funding.

Motion carried 5-0.

E. Consideration of a Request for Funding of Best of Show Awards for the June 2010 San Mateo County Fair Arts Competition

Director Holland said the total number of Best of Show awards offered at the Fair arts competition were 12; each are for \$50.

Commission Action: M/S Chew/Steel to approve the Best of Show awards funding in an amount not to exceed \$600.

Motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner Gill-Pisani opposed.

6. Subcommittees (Arts Education, Budget, Marketing, Networking and Support, Policy)

A. Reports

There was no additional information to report.

7. Commissioner Reports

Commissioner Chew said that Chris Beth was the new Redwood City Parks and Recreation Department Director. Commissioner Zheng reported on a recent cultural exchange of visiting Chinese actors.

8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:33 p.m.