

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

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MINUTES for Sunday, February 11, 2018, 9:20 AM - 2:00 PM

Boys & Girls Club of Contra Costa County 1301 Alhambra Ave. Martinez, CA 94553, USA

Commissioners Present: Silvia Ledezma, District I; Marija Nelson Bleier, District II, PJ Shelton, District III; Elizabeth Wood, District IV; Teresa Snook O'Riva District V; LaMar Anderson, at Large

Commissioners Absent: Y'Anad Burrell, At-Large

Staff Present: Roger Renn, AC5 Managing Director

Guests/Visitors Present: None

Call to Order:

Tess Snook O'Riva, Chair called the meeting to order at 9:20 AM

Public Comment:

None

Review of Work accomplished in 2016-17

Commissioner Ledezma reported that she is satisfied with how Arts Passage is moving along. The About Face program is important.

Commissioner Wood indicated the bi-laws are finalized and it has taken 1.5 years to do so. Her biggest success is the 20th Anniversary Arts Recognition Awards Ceremony and Luncheon. Commissioner Wood headed up the Arts Recognition Awards Banquet Luncheon honoring people in Contra Costa County who have made a significant contribution to the arts.

Commissioner Anderson noted that he secured this meeting location of the Boys & Girls Club and wanted to recognize Commissioner Wood for all of her work on the Awards Luncheon.

Commissioner Bleier attended the Americans for the Arts Conference in June 2016; she also attended brown bag arts luncheons to connect with arts professionals working for municipalities in Contra Costa County, to discuss trends in the arts, what is successful and what is not, with regards to programming and marketing efforts. She also noted that she has been asked to serve on the BART public art committee that will meet three times to discuss and public arts programs for BART and serve as an advisory committee to the Board of Directors for BART.

Commissioner Chair O'Riva implemented the first Rodeo Arts Fair and worked to bring together many people and vendors to serve the Town. She commented that she wants to work to make a difference in people's lives through the arts. Poetry Out Loud was a success with impact to her children.

Review and Accept AC5 Bylaws as reviewed and corrected by County Council

MOTION MADE: Wood moved that the new bylaws were reviewed and accepted

MOTION SECONDED: Bleier

ABSTAINED: Burell (absent)

N FAVOR: All others

✓ MOTION PASSED

Appointment of AC5 Commission Seats

There was a consensus that the commission needs to find more arts commissioners who represents music and digital film arts, as we are missing representatives of those particular art forms. There are Seats open for one new Commissioners and an alternate. East County is underrepresented. There should be PR for promoting open seats.

Purpose of Arts & Culture Commission and how it works with the CA Arts Council

Discussion was led by Roger Renn, Executive Director in conjunction with Chair O'Riva. Supervisors need to be reminded of commission and the efforts being made by the commissioners. Attendance and events should be tallied.

Review of AC5 Arts Council Grant Offerings

Discussion led by Roger Renn California Arts Council gives grants to arts organizations through AC5. California Arts Council is changing their grant cycle calendar (SLPP State Local Partnership). Discussion of commission budget and how much can be taken in kind. All donations must be given with receipt to indicate monetary value (such as rentals). AC5 can offer letters of support to non-profits seeking grants through AC5. AC5 can then oversee their grant.

Liaison Relationship with Supervisor Districts

Discussion led by Commissioner Wood, she gave all other Commissioners a "test" which allowed everyone to take stock of how much work we have been doing and how often each Commissioner is taking time to connect with their representative (Supervisors). Idea was mentioned that Supervisors be invited to meetings. Commissioners should attend more meetings and be sure to report their activity each month to staff of AC5. Commissioner Wood will draft a letter that all commissioners can send to their Supervisors for consideration of exhibition space in the new County Building. Commissioners should submit revised bios to AC5. CCTV photographer can take photos for website (head shots).

Five Year Action Plan

Discussion led by Commissioner Anderson. Discussion of more fund raisers to allow the funds to put on events such as the arts recognition awards.

Goals:

- 1) Add Staff to AC5.
- 2) Double Budget (100%)
- 3) Re-granting to other non-profit organizations
- 4) Double local programs.

*This is to be made into an agenda item so that it can be voted on at the March meeting.

Action Plan for 2018-19

Discussion lead by Commissioner Chair O'Riva, protect plan with assignments and accountability. Everyone on Commission should "own" a task. -Arts Awards- Art Cafe Art Passages - Art Directory/Calendars

With current grants there is a commitment to connect with local arts agencies and networking. National Gallery of Arts on CCTV. Menu of videos on AC5 Program time. Ledeza is volunteering for the video line up and Director Roger Renn has a directive to follow up with her about this.

Poetry Out loud:

Robin Moore is the project manager for this program and help is needed to contact schools to join. Outreach is needed for all programs, publicity and marketing and connecting with supervisors. Commissioners need to report on events and meetings.

Cultural Plan:

Connection between Black History Month exhibitions, Cesar Chavez exhibition. More Community Engagement and representing of different cultures in Contra Costa County. Access and equity in education.

Arts in Correctional Facilities in Conjunction with California Lawyers for the Arts.

Discussion tabled until next meeting

Request for Agenda Items for Next Meeting

None

Commissioner Chair called adjournment at 2:00 PM