

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION OF CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

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MINUTES for Monday, April 9, 2018, 1:10 PM – 3:12 PMConcord Police Department, 1350 Galindo Street, Concord, CA 94521

Commissioners Present: Silvia Ledezma, District I; Marija Bleier, District II; Elizabeth Wood, District IV; Teresa Snook O’Riva District V; Y’Anad Burrell, At-Large; LaMar Anderson, at Large

Commissioners Absent: PJ Shelton, District III

Staff Present: Roger Renn, AC5 Managing Director

Guests/Visitors Present: Jonathan San-Juan, Office for Consumer Empowerment – Photo Voice Project
Patty Grant and Jody Sicheneder, Office of the Sheriff
Alma Robinson and Ariel Heinicke, CA Lawyers for the Arts

Call to Order:

Commission Chairperson O’Riva called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM

Public Comment:

Jonathan San-Juan Office for Consumer Empowerment introduced the Photo Voice Project. Patty Grant & Jody Sicheneder, Office of the Sheriff introduced themselves. Alma Robinson & Ariel Heinicke, CA Lawyers for the Arts introduced themselves.

Approval of the March 5th, 2018 Minutes

Minutes for the March 5th Commission meeting were approved as submitted.

- MOTION MADE: Commissioner Wood moved that the AC5 March 5th, 2018 Commission meeting minutes be approved.
MOTION SECONDED: Commissioner Anderson
ABSTAINED: none
IN FAVOR: All
- ✓ MOTION PASSED

Arts in Corrections: County Jails Project

Mr. Renn presented information regarding a new Arts in Corrections: County Jail Project and asked if the Commissioners wanted to request the Board of Supervisors to sign onto the MOU from the California Lawyers for the Arts. Patty Grant and Jody Sicheneder, Office of the Sheriff, and Alma Robinson and Ariel Heinicke, CA Lawyers for the Arts were present to give further details on the project.

Ms. Robinson gave us a background on the project in California and invited Contra Costa to participate in this pilot program. Ms. Grant explained that the Office of the Sheriff is interested and willing to participate. They are working with an artist to finalize a 12-week lesson plan.

The Commissions reviewed a Memorandum of Understanding between the County and the CA Lawyers for the Arts. After questions and discussions, the Commissioners recommended that the Board of Supervisors accept and sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

MOTION MADE: Commissioner Wood moved that the Board of Supervisors accept and sign the Memorandum of Understanding.

- MOTION SECONDED: Commissioner Anderson
- ABSTAINED: none
- IN FAVOR: All
- ✓ MOTION PASSED

Election of Officers

Commissioner Burrell explained that the slate was not ready to be presented at today's meeting. The three-member nominating committee had met and agreed on how to develop a slate of officers. The committee members will make telephone calls to learn whether or not a Commissioner is interested. If so, their name will be added to the slate. A written ballot will be presented at the May meeting to privately vote for officers to serve July 1, 2018 through June 30th 2019.

Veterans Initiative in the Arts program - ABOUTFACE

Mr. Renn reported that the ABOUTFACE workshops had started Saturday, April 7th. After an initial twelve registration, the enrollment grew to twenty-one participants. The teaching team got off to a good start. The second workshop will take place April 14.

Commissioners were asked to help increase enrollment in the other five workshops.

Next Step: Review of action-items from the Retreat

Commissioner Snook O'Riva shared with the other Commissioners her two project plans. Reviewing the *2018 Draft Community Engagement Project Plan*, Commissioner Snook O'Riva pointed out how the plan broke down the due date, what, who and the status of the project. These plans are meaningful to keep the project on schedule and to articulate the need tasks.

Commissioners will bring the other project plans to the May meeting for review.

Commission Reports

Commissioner Wood: Reported that she had attended several art function within her district.

Commissioner Ledezma: Again reported that the Richmond Commission awarded community grants for 2018. She reported that the Richmond Art Commission is sponsoring their annual Poetry writing program.

Commissioner Anderson: Reported he was working on the ABOUTFACE program to get the workshops underway for April 2018.

Commissioner Snook O'Riva: Reported that this was festival season and lots was going on.

More will be reported at the May meeting. Time was cut short due to the extensive discussions of the Jail project.

Request for Agenda items for May meeting

- Review and Accept slate of officers for 2018-19.
- Veterans Initiative in the Arts program - ABOUTFACE
- Arts Recognition Awards – present every other year.
- Next Steps: review of action-items from the February Retreat

Meeting Adjournment

Chair Snook O’Riva adjourned the meeting at 3:12 PM.