

## CIVIC CULTURAL COMMISSION

### MINUTES OF THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2008

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Chairperson Dale, Vice Chairperson Cortez  
Commissioners Fischer, Jackson, Newblanc

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Commissioners Beard and Simoulin

**GUESTS PRESENT:** Kit Fragulia, Alissa Kaplan, Jeanne Schapp, Georgi LaBerge

**STAFF PRESENT:** Superintendent Chris Beth, Administrative Assistant Denise Monroe

The regular meeting of the Civic Cultural Commission was called to order at 7:04pm by Chairperson Warren Dale in Room 1 of the Community Activities Building, 1400 Roosevelt Avenue, Redwood City, California.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the June 28, 2008 minutes were approved as mailed.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

-Newsletters and flyers were received from various organizations including a letter of the Latino Leadership Council announcing the return of the Latino Film Festival to downtown Redwood City.

#### **Oral Communications**

Georgi LaBerge invited the Commission to the "Jazz and Christianity Concert" to be held on Thursday, September 4 at the Woodside Road United Methodist Church. Chairperson Dale said he would be unable to attend the September Commission meeting due to this event. This matter will be discussed under "Announcements".

#### **ITEM 1 – SMALL GRANT REQUESTS**

##### *-Peninsula Hills Women's Club*

Kit Fragulia spoke regarding their grant request of \$500.00 to pay for entertainment for their annual Thanksgiving Dinner held at the Veterans Memorial Senior Center. She explained they would like to offer special entertainment since this will be the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dinner. Commissioner Cortez offered to assist with entertainment from our Student Spotlight program.

**M/S Fischer/Newblanc: To grant \$500.00 to the Peninsula Hills Women's Club**

**Motion passed.**

##### *-Redwood City Art Center*

Alissa Kaplan spoke regarding their grant request of \$1,000.00 to fund their ArtReach program which will be offered every six weeks to schools at no charge. Chairperson Dale suggested they make contact with all the schools to help facilitate their participation in the program. It was also suggested inviting a Commission representative to attend one of the ArtReach classes.

**M/S Cortez/Jackson: To grant \$1,000.00 to the Redwood City Art Center for their ArtReach Program.**

**Motion passed.** (1 Absension, Newblanc)

## **ITEM 2 – SUB-COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS**

The Commissioners discussed which sub-committees they were interested in serving and the list will be finalized at the September meeting.

## **ITEM 3 – SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **-Budget**

Chairperson Dale spoke about a regulation limiting non-profit organizations from regularly selling food at an event, such as the Optimist Club selling hot dogs at the Stafford Park Concerts. Staff will look into this matter for next year's concert program.

Superintendent Beth explained that all future transfers from the Commission's budget into the Public Art Fund will require Council approval. Staff and Commission need to plan ahead for approvals prior to the end of the fiscal year.

### **-Communication/Calendar/Website**

Superintendent Beth announced that the City's on-line community calendar has been improved and encouraged the Commissioners to view the site.

### **-Community Outreach**

Chairperson Dale reported that Redwood City International (RCI) is planning on having a community Mexican Independence Day event in Courthouse Square in September. He said that RCI has expressed an interest in working with the Cultural Commission on the event, and Superintendent Beth is already working with RCI on the project.

### **-Cultural Commission Sponsored Events**

Superintendent Beth reported the last concert at Marlin Park will be held next week; the Friday night concerts are progressing well; and that tomorrow evening's downtown concert will be followed by the broadcast of the Summer Olympics Opening Ceremony on the large projection screen.

### **-Public Art**

#### *Bird Bath Update*

Commissioner Jackson reported that the Council approved "Ray of Light" for the Redwood Shores Library. Commissioners Jackson and Newblanc and Superintendent Beth are working with the artist on the purchase agreement and hope to have it installed by the Library's grant opening on September 6.

Commissioner Newblanc said he would like to bring the revisions of the Post Office bird bath to the September meeting. He also announced that he went to the San Mateo County Art Commission to see if they would be interested in placing "Ascend" in the courtyard behind 400 County Center. ~~Commissioner Newblanc asked if the Commission could write a letter to the County Board of Supervisors with this request.~~ Commissioner Newblanc explained that the County Arts Commission is going to write a letter to the County Board of supervisors with this request.

Commissioner Newblanc said there is currently no activity on the proposed bird baths for Courthouse Square and Shorebird Park.

Commissioner Newblanc provided a draft copy of the Strategic Plan for the Public Art Subcommittee for the Commission's review and approval at the September meeting.

### **ITEM 3 – JOINT MEETING WITH CITY COUNCIL REGARDING PUBLIC ART**

Superintendent Beth discussed October 13 and 27 as possible dates to hold a joint meeting with the City Council. Commissioners Cortex, Jackson and Newblanc will meet with Superintendent Beth to discuss the agenda for the meeting.

### **ITEM 4 – CULTURAL COMMISSION COMMUNITY BRAINSTORMING**

- Chairperson Dale suggested a Chinese New Year's event.
- Commissioner Newblanc suggested the Commission sponsor an art award at the San Mateo County Fair. This will be placed on the September agenda.
- Commissioner Fischer suggested that people speak under Oral Communications to give the Commission ideas for events.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Commissioners spoke about cultural events they attended in past 30 days.

Items for Next Agenda – Redwood City International Mexican Independence Day event, Strategic Plan for Public Art Subcommittee, Dia de los Muertos event, Sponsorship at San Mateo County Fair, Bird Bath Update, Joint meeting with City Council

The regular meeting of the Civic Cultural Commission was adjourned at 8:50pm to be reconvened at 7:00pm on Thursday, September 4, 2008, to be held at the Woodside Road United Methodist Church, 2000 Woodside Road, Redwood City, California.