

FINE ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES FOR TUESDAY, MAY 09, 2017

In Attendance:

Commissioners: Vice-Chairperson Barbara Babcock, Donna Howard, Bronica Taylor, Michael Segura, Deborah Bunger, Gil Botello,

Absent: Chairperson Dorothy Garcia, Joyce Seeger

Guests:

Gary Saenz, City Attorney

Erin Brinker, Community First Marketing and Development

Meeting called to order by Vice Chairperson Barbara Babcock on Tuesday, May 09, 2017 at 4:04 p.m. in the MIC Conference Room, 6th Floor of City Hall.

COMMISSIONER/STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion was made by Gil Botello to approve the Minutes of April 11, 2017. The motion was seconded by Bronica Taylor. The Motion passed.

GUEST SPEAKERS:

Gary Saenz spoke about a wonderful Theater production that took place last week at the refurbished SBVC Auditorium called, "A New Day." The play was written by the Theater students based upon interviews that they conducted on campus regarding what life is like in San Bernardino. Mr. Saenz first attended because his son Aaron is one of the actors involved in the production but kept going back with others because it was such a great show. He felt it wasn't as well attended as it could have been.

The commissioners expressed an interest in hearing more about the production, if it's possible for the instructor to come and talk to them at the next meeting that would be wonderful.

Erin Brinker has a company that works to strengthen non-profits doing strategic planning retreats. She has been working with non-profits for about 15 years. She said that where there is support for the Arts in a city and the Arts are thriving, the quality of life for everyone in the city is much better; and can play a huge part in attracting upwardly mobile, educated people to live in a city.

She stated that the Arts can be a real vehicle for renewal and it's certainly possible to attract funding by developing a plan that's cohesive and aligned with the goals of the City and the School District, etc. She is willing to facilitate a workshop for free for the FAC to work on determining priorities and developing such a plan.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Plans for Council Approval of Grant Recommendations
 - a. Date of Council Meeting
 - b. Letters to Applicants
Commissioner Deborah Bunger motioned to approve letters to grants recipients. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Donna Howard. The motion passed.
2. Review of Art Night
Chairperson Botello mentioned the debriefing meeting that he attended. More information is needed, especially regarding the budget before it can be assessed how successful it was.
3. Rosa Parks Sculpture- Bronica Taylor reported that \$17,000.00 is still needed. A pledge from Eloise Reyes is pending; Deborah Lewis rejected funds which surprised Commissioner Taylor greatly.
4. FishEyes Cancellation Letter – Chairperson Garcia has sent the letter.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Long Range Plans for Fine Arts Commission
Commissioner Bronica Taylor made a motion to agendaize a discussion of the Strategic Planning Process. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Donna Howard. The motion passed.
2. Budget Update
3. Parks and Recreation Bills re: transportation
Commissioner Deborah Bunger motioned to table both the Budget Update and the discussion of the Parks and Recreation Bills until the next meeting due to the absence of City Clerk Gigi Hanna. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Gil Botello. The motion passed.
4. Evaluation of 16-17 Grant Projects
Commissioner Michael Segura motioned to table the discussion of the Grants Evaluations due to the absence of Chairperson Dorothy Garcia. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Deborah Bunger. The motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by Vice- Chairperson Barbara Babcock at 5:25 p.m.

The next meeting for the Fine Arts Commission will be 06-13-2017 at 4:00 p.m. in the Personnel Commission Hearing Room, 215 N. D Street, Suite 200, 2nd. Floor

Respectfully submitted,

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