



**MINUTES
ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 2008**

7 p.m. REGULAR MEETING

The Sunnyvale Arts Commission met in regular session on November 19, 2008, in City Hall, West Conference Room, at 456 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94087.

CALL TO ORDER/SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Obrey called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. and led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Robert Obrey
Vice Chair Tara Martin-Milius
Commissioner Dixie Carney
Commissioner Dennis (Jay) Shinseki

Absent: Commissioner Amber Estrada (excused)

Staff Present: Director of Parks and Recreation David A. Lewis
Superintendent of Recreation Nancy Bolgard Steward

CONSIDERATION OF ABSENCES

Commissioner Estrada notified Director Lewis in advance of the meeting that she would be absent due to illness.

MOTION: Commissioner Shinseki moved and Commissioner Carney seconded to excuse the absence of Commissioner Estrada.

VOTE: Motion passed 4-0. (Commissioner Estrada was absent.)

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

CONSENT CALENDAR

1.A. Approval of Draft Minutes from Special Meeting of Arts Commission on October 29, 2008

MOTION: Commissioner Shinseki moved and Vice Chair Martin-Milius seconded to approve Item 1.A. as presented.

VOTE: Motion passed 3-0. (Commissioner Carney abstained because she was absent on October 29, 2008. Commissioner Estrada was absent.)

STAFF RESPONSES TO PRIOR PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2. Consideration of Ways to Serve as Arts Advocates in the Community (continued from 10/29/08 meeting)

Superintendent Steward provided the Commissioners with a packet of materials (via flyers and brochures) outlining all of the City's arts programs and services. She encouraged the Commissioners to attend or participate in as many of the activities and programs as possible. The Commissioners expressed their thanks for being provided all the various materials.

During this discussion, the matter of touring various public art and/or facilities throughout the City was addressed. It was noted that two previous attempts at tours were unable to occur and the Commissioners requested another attempt to schedule a City tour.

Commissioners requested that this topic be placed on the agenda for the January meeting and that staff prepare a compilation of items talked about in the two previous discussions so that they could move forward with action items at the January meeting.

Chair Obrey opened the public hearing. There were no speakers and the public hearing was closed.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

COMMISSION

Commissioner Shinseki informed the Commissioners that he attended an artist reception at Flo Oy Wong's home and found it very informative. He came away with great respect for local artists, in general, and Ms. Wong specifically.

STAFF

Director Lewis shared with the Commissioners the matter that it has been discovered that the original resolution forming the Arts Commission called for by-laws to be created and to-date none have been. Sometime in the upcoming year, development of Arts Commission by-laws will probably be incorporated into their work plan.

Director Lewis said that he heard from Commissioner Estrada stating she indicated she is considering resigning from the Arts Commission

INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS

- None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Obrey adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

David A. Lewis, Director
Parks and Recreation Department

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