



**DRAFT MINUTES  
SUNNYVALE ARTS COMMISSION  
APRIL 15, 2009**

The Sunnyvale Arts Commission met in regular session in City Hall Council Chambers, at 456 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94086 at 7 p.m. with Chair Obrey presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present:** Chair Robert Obrey  
Commissioner Dixie Carney  
Commissioner Dennis (Jay) Shinseki

**Commissioners Absent:** Vice Chair Tara Martin-Milius

**Staff Present:** Assistant to the Director Cathy E. Merrill  
Superintendent of Recreation Nancy Bolgard Steward  
Recreation Coordinator Tegan McLane

**CONSIDERATION OF ABSENCE:**

Assistant to the Director Merrill will verify if Vice Chair Tara Martin-Milius contacted the Admin office with notification of her absence.

**SCHEDULED PRESENTATION**

Recreation Coordinator McLane provided an overview of the Recreation Division's performing arts programs. Topics included the Performing Arts Center, Sunnyvale Theatre, California Theatre Center (CTC), Sunnyvale Community Players (SCP), City produced shows and events, theatre rentals, theatre dance studio, dance classes, music and drama classes, performing arts camps, special programs, and the Arts Unit. She noted that the Performing Arts Center has been recently re-roofed and new HVAC installed. Commissioners' questions were answered by staff.

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1.A. Approval of Draft Minutes of March 18, 2009, Arts Commission Meeting

**MOTION: Commissioner Shinseki moved and Commissioner Carney seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.**

**VOTE: Motion passed 3-0. Vice Chair Martin-Milius was absent.**

**STAFF RESPONSES TO PRIOR PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Nan Su, Program Host, Sound of Hope Radio Network, Inc.

Mr. Su said he would like to introduce radio music channel 32.5 and invite Commissioners to a performance by Shen Yun Performing Arts whose mission is to bring back traditional Chinese culture. Shen Yun will be performing at the San Jose Center for the Performing Arts from May 15-17, 2009. Mr. Su shared a short video of the artists' performance and handed out *The Epoch Times* newsletter which included an article titled *Bay Area Gets Encore of Shen Yun*. He also gave out invitations and asked Commissioners to contact him if they wished to obtain ticket discount and attend performance.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS** - None

## **NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

### Commission Members Oral Comments

Chair Obrey:

- He receives music via channel 32 on his cable in the early morning and it is followed by a Chinese broadcast.
- He viewed beautiful public art and contacted Palm Desert and Rancho Mirage art directors to compliment their projects. Palm Desert has an Arts Commission. He also noted their sculptures are proportional and large enough to be easily seen from the street.

### Staff Oral Comments

Superintendent Steward:

- Reminded Commissioners that Hands on the Arts (HOTS) will be held on Saturday, May 16, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Community Center. She encouraged Commissioners to attend.

## **INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

- Staff Liaison Written Report
- Community Conversation on Climate Change, 4/22/09, 6:30 p.m., Council Chambers

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cathy E. Merrill, Assistant to the Director  
Department of Community Services

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