

**MINUTES**  
**FOLSOM ARTS AND CULTURAL COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**6:30 P.M. – November 13, 2008**  
**50 NATOMA STREET**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Commissioners Burrell, Finnegan, Emondson, Heard, Otey, Rizell and SooHoo were present.
3. **MINUTES:** The minutes of October 9, 2008 were approved.
4. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR** - None
5. **SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS** - None
6. **ACTION ITEMS:**

A. Tibetan Monks Cultural Program – Request for Funding

Ms. Sandy Hilton presented the staff report. She explained that according to FACC's goals as identified in the Master Plan, cultural heritage was one of the goals. She said staff had been looking for ways to accommodate cultural heritage programming. She further explained that she was in contact with a neighbor of Council Member Starsky who was able to setup a visit from the group tour company while in the country on January 15, 2009 at the community center. Ms. Hilton stated that there is a \$350 minimum cost for the monks to have a show and an arrangement was made that the monks would receive a percentage of the admission fees beyond the \$350 for an hour and a half program. She further explained the program and showed the website from the tour group. She asked if FACC was interested in funding the program with the utility bill donation funds. Commissioner Finnegan asked how it would be advertised. Ms. Hilton replied that press releases would go out through the region as well as through the city activity guide and shared on the Patrons calendar, Sacramento 365 website. Ms. Hilton clarified questions of the Commission and they concurred that the opportunity for this type of programming is a great idea.

Commissioner Heard moved to approve the funding of the Tibetan Monks cultural program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Burrell.

AYES: Commissioners Burrell, Edmondson, Finnegan, Heard, Otey, Rizell and SooHoo  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS** - None

## **8. REPORTS:**

### **A. Parks and Recreation Report**

Ms. Hilton invited the Commissioners to the opening of Folsom Focus at 48 Natoma tomorrow night. She discussed a meeting she attended with other regional community members for opportunities for art and cultural collaborations and programming in the region. Ms. Hilton stated that the department is going to put out a \$10 challenge in the next Activity Guide which would give \$10 off to those signing up for a new activity.

### **B. Patrons of the Arts**

Commissioner Rizell updated FACC on the activities of the Patrons including Folsom Focus at 48 Natoma which she said has grown wider than just Folsom entrants. She further informed the Commission that the Patrons is revising their mission statement and what they want to accomplish to make sure they are on the right track.

### **C. Historic District Revitalization Project**

Commissioner Burrell said that the work has begun on the property adjacent to the parking structure in the historic district. He also stated that Jeff Ferreira-Pro's contract ended and would not be involved as a paid consultant anymore. Chair SooHoo asked how they get back into talks about the art component to the revitalization area. Ms. Hilton explained that Redevelopment and Housing Director Amy Feagans said they were looking at ways to incorporate. He requested that Amy Feagans contact him to discuss.

### **D. Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission**

Commissioner Finnegan updated the Commission about the art at the airport. He discussed some of the pieces including the \$800,000 rabbit piece. He stated that the county and city support the project. Commissioner Finnegan further discussed funding for arts in Folsom and explained that the city and county contribute money to many of the programs in Folsom and asked what the Folsom community is doing to contribute back to the city and county in return. There was discussion about why and how that could change.

## **9. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heard asked for the status of the utility bill donations. Ms. Hilton said only about \$600 has come in for the last six month period. Commissioner Edmondson informed FACC about a photography exhibit at Temple Hill with the theme Reflections of Christ. Commissioner Rizell stated that she saw a large ad in the Telegraph for the Folsom Focus program. Ms. Hilton explained that they received the ad space as a trade with the Telegraph and were able to use it for the program. Commissioner Otey said they are going to start doing art with autistic children at the schools and asked for donation ideas to help fund the program. She also stated that the Sutter Street artists had their grand opening and had a large crowd. Commissioner Finnegan stated that

he was named the Chair for SMAC. Commissioner Heard reminded everyone of the Taste of December program benefit.

**10. PROPOSED ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:**

Commission Elections, Donation Policy, Arts & Senior Center Name

**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business brought before the Arts and Cultural Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

  
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Lydia Fish, Secretary

  
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Neill SooHoo, Chair