

**MINUTES  
FOLSOM ARTS AND CULTURAL COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING  
6:30 P.M. – January 26, 2009  
50 NATOMA STREET**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Commissioners Emondson, Finnegan, Heard, Otey, and Sundermier were present. Commissioner Cirigliano was absent.
3. **MINUTES:** None
4. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:**

Former Arts and Cultural Chair Neill SooHoo addressed the Commissioners and asked them to attend the City Council meeting tomorrow and advocate for the arts at the budget hearing. He passed out a letter regarding the Sacramento Regional Community Foundation Newsletter. He pointed out the highlighted areas in the letter that he wanted FACC to consider when advocating for the Commission and future decisions they may face.

Parks and Recreation Director Robert Goss added that the Commission may want to remind the City Council of the successful program of the Tibetan Monks visit.

Staff Member Sandy Hilton added that creative solutions as counter solutions are also a good avenue to take when addressing the City Council.

5. **SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS:**

- A. Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Commission Members

Secretary Lydia Fish gave the oath of office to newly appointed Commissioner Sundermier. Commissioner Sundermier gave some background information about herself.

6. **ACTION ITEMS:**

- A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Ms. Hilton explained the annual election process and background information. Commissioner Heard made a motion to nominate Commissioner Edmondson as the Chair, Commissioner Finnegan seconded.

AYES: Commissioners Finnegan, Heard, Otey, Sundermier and Edmondson  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Cirigliano  
ABSTAIN: None

Commissioner Finnegan made a motion to nominate Commissioner Heard as the Vice Chair, Commissioner Edmondson seconded.

AYES: Commissioners Finnegan, Heard, Otey, Sundermier and Edmondson  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Cirigliano  
ABSTAIN: None

## **7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

### **A. Proposed Fiscal Year 2009/10 Parks & Recreation Department Budget (*no written staff report*)**

Mr. Goss presented a PowerPoint and gave an overview of the Parks and Recreation Department budget. He discussed the mandatory budget cuts being made and how it will affect the department, FACC and the Parks and Recreation Commission. He also discussed solutions that have been and are being discussed and are being put into action to save money and jobs. He expressed to the Commission that the Parks and Recreation Department staff is award winning, and they would not be doing work with lesser quality but that they would just be doing less “things” in order to help balance the department budget. Mr. Goss and Ms. Hilton answered questions of the Commission.

## **8. REPORTS:**

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

Ms. Hilton talked about creative ways FACC can move forward and grow arts and culture in the community, including support for utility bill donations. She talked about meeting with the Art Association quarterly for volunteers to assist with thanking those who donate through the utility bill and also educating people on the arts. Ms. Hilton also discussed ways the Patrons may help promote the arts as well. She passed out a couple of articles about economic development and tourism. Commissioner Heard suggested changing the language on the utility bill. There was discussion of how the utility billing works and the donation process. Ms. Hilton stated that Commissioner Heard was able to introduce the Tibetan Monks and Commissioner Cirigliano was there and helped to bring the show to Folsom. She invited the Commission to check out the quilt show at the Art Center. Commissioner Otey announced that the next Art Association meeting is Wednesday. Ms. Hilton stated that the Art Association membership is up to 60 members now.

### **B. Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission**

Commissioner Finnegan updated the Commission on the state of SMAC financially, and said they are pretty much in the same situation as the city. He explained that they are different however, because they receive a facility tax that goes to paying for arts in that facility and it is on-going. He said he would like to see something like that for Folsom.

He suggested the Commission ask Council Members for such a fund. Mr. Goss recommended that instead, the Commissioners may want to ask for a staff member to be assigned to develop alternatives and analyze impacts, and bring recommendations to the council. (Item taken out of order and heard before Item 8a)

**9. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Heard stated he is on the Art Selection Committee for the gallery and said he could not attend the meeting tomorrow. He asked if someone could take his place. Commissioner Sundemier volunteered to attend on his behalf.

Commissioner Sundemier expressed the importance of the arts being close to home with the economy concerns at this time. Ms. Hilton agreed and stated that the trend is leading that way and that the department is committed to finding low cost opportunities for the community to come together. Chair Edmondson thanked the staff for their creative thinking and support of FACC.


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

Ms. Hilton stated they are working on recognizing the Commissioners not reappointed to FACC for a future agenda item.

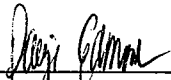
**11. ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business brought before the Arts and Cultural Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Lydia Fish, Secretary



Paige Edmondson, Chair