

MINUTES
FOLSOM ARTS AND CULTURAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
6:30 P.M. – SEPTEMBER 10, 2009
50 NATOMA STREET

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:36 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Commissioners Patrick Finnegan, Stephen Heard, Mary Sundermier and Rashelle Cirigliano were present. Chair Paige Edmondson and Commissioner Barbara Otey were absent.
3. **MINUTES:** The minutes of August 13, 2009 were approved on a motion by Commissioner Sundermier and seconded by Commissioner Finnegan.
4. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - None**
5. **SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS - None**
6. **ACTION ITEMS:**
 - A. Folsom History Museum - Request for exhibit funding

Staff Liaison Sandy Hilton introduced Candy Miller and gave a brief summary of the request for funding for the art exhibit "Enchanted Christmas." She further stated that the current unallocated fund balance is \$4,225 from the utility bill donations and a balance of \$3,250 from the arts endowment fund. She encouraged FACC to keep in mind that staff anticipates other donation requests coming before FACC in the future.

Candy Miller, Chairman of the Folsom History Museum, addressed the Commission with a request for funding to help with the cost of \$15,000 to bring the art collection to the Folsom. Ms. Miller discussed the background of the artist Dolph Gotelli and his work. She showed a PowerPoint with some of his pieces and stressed the idea to FACC that this well known artist and exhibit would draw people to Folsom and hopefully their tax dollars as well.

Commissioner Finnegan stated that he supports and recommends a donation in the amount of \$750 - \$800 and suggested that the History Museum contact the Tourism Bureau for additional support. Commissioners Sundermier and Cirigliano each stated that they would support funding up to \$1000 and Commissioner Finnegan concurred with that amount.

Commissioner Sundermier moved to approve a sponsorship of \$1,000 from the Utility Bill Donation funds to the Folsom History Museum.

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

B. Funding Mechanisms for the Arts - Subcommittee Reports

Ms. Hilton presented the staff report for funding mechanisms. She discussed the subcommittee recommendations which included: funding a community arts grant program to replace the grant program that was cut, develop an arts education grant program, continue public art program and needing money for administrative support services for needs assessments or surveys. She explained that the subcommittee set a goal for annual funding for the arts in Folsom for \$175,000 developed over a five year period with the main funding mechanisms considered being the Utility Bill Donation Program, private sector donations, and a potential increase in the TOTs. She stated that Commissioners Heard, Edmondson and Finnegan had agreed to do some research regarding the TOTs and heard findings from Commissioner Finnegan who recommended that FACC invite each group to present at a FACC meeting. Ms. Hilton asked that Commissioner Heard and Chair Edmondson bring their findings to the next meeting.

C. Arts Achievement Recognition Program – Subcommittee Recommendations

Ms. Hilton presented the staff report and explained the subcommittee recommendations and the status. She asked Vice Chair Heard to discuss his recommendation of Nicholson Music and he explained that he recommends FACC wait on the consideration of recognition until next year because Nicholson was unable to provide him with any examples of what they do for the community.

Commissioner Finnegan moved to approve the two nominations for recognition of McCarthy and Cook Co. and Caryn Rizell for the arts achievement recognition program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sundermier.

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

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. National Arts and Humanities Month – final list of participants

Ms. Hilton presented the staff report and explained the exercise of contacting art organizations in the community that may have art events during the month of October. She handed out a list of the events happening for October. She discussed the presentation for City Council and stated that items can still be added to the list.

8. REPORTS:

A. Parks and Recreation Report

Ms. Hilton handed out flyers for Cyclebration, Folsom Focus and other upcoming events in Folsom and briefly discussed each.

B. Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission

Commissioner Finnegan discussed the budget reduction recommendation that SMAC is faced with, and how they are being asked to bring it down 70%. He also discussed how the proposed budget reduction might impact Folsom. Ms. Hilton suggested that FACC contact the Sacramento City Council asking to save the arts budget.

C. Patrons of the Arts

Commissioner Sundermier reported that the Patrons are working on their visioning process and how to increase memberships and business sponsorships.

9. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:

Commissioner Sundermier announced that she is due to deliver her baby next month and may not be at the meeting. Commissioner Cirigliano stated she would be on vacation during next month's meeting.

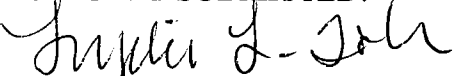
10. PROPOSED ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION:

Ms. Hilton said they would be discussing funding mechanisms.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business brought before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Lydia L. Fish



Paige Edmondson, Chair