

**MINUTES
CITY OF FOLSOM
FOLSOM ARTS AND CULTURAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
6:30 p.m. – August 9, 2007
FOLSOM CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
50 NATOMA STREET, FOLSOM, CALIFORNIA**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m.

- 2. ROLL CALL:** Commissioners Edmondson, Finnegan, Heard, Otey, Rizell and SooHoo were present.
Commissioner Burrell was absent.

- 3. MINUTES: - None**

- 4. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR - None**

5. SCHEDULED PRESENTATIONS

- A. Oath of Office for Newly Appointed Commission member Otey

Secretary Katie Parks gave an oath of office to newly appointed Commission member Barbara Otey.

- B. Art in Public Places – Linda Bloom, APP Administrator, Sacramento Metro Arts Commission

Sandy Hilton updated FACC on the history and purpose of Ms. Linda Bloom's presentation. She explained that one of FACC's priority goals was to encourage the development of public art that reflects the community's values and Folsom's heritage. She further explained that this was FACC's number one goal to implement. Ms. Linda Bloom, Arts in Public Places Administrator for the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, introduced her colleague, Cari Lazansky who also attended the meeting. Ms. Bloom presented her PowerPoint report and answered questions of the Commission.

Ms. Bloom explained that the Art in Public Places program had been established in 1977 and the program has resulted in 600 art works being placed in Sacramento in the programs 30 year history. The program is funded through an ordinance which requires that 2% of the construction costs of Redevelopment and city and county public facilities be used towards art work. Advantages of the program include providing free accessible art to the public, enhancing the environment, starting a dialogue with art, creating a record of the culture and history of the community and creating an ambience

C. Parks and Recreation Department Presentation – Robert Goss

Parks and Recreation Director Robert Goss presented a PowerPoint report which he previously showed at the Chamber of Commerce luncheon in April. The presentation gave an overview of the Parks and Recreation Department. He explained that his presentation has also been shown to the History Museum and others, and is also shown to all new hires to the department.

D. FY 2007-08 Budget Summary – Robert Goss

Mr. Goss gave an overview of the Parks and Recreation Department fiscal year 2007-2008 budget. He indicated that the grant program received an additional \$5,000, but that the request for funding for public artwork and the endowment had been denied due to funding shortages. However, he indicated that the Council committed funding to the Folsom Lake College Capital Campaign for the Performing and Visual Arts Facility.

6. ACTION ITEMS

A. Arts and Humanities Month

Ms. Hilton presented the staff report. She passed out the list of organizations contacted by FACC which was reviewed by FACC at the May meeting. Each Commissioner gave their recommendation on what events should be included in the coming year's list of activities.

B. Arts Achievement Recognition Program

Ms. Hilton presented the staff report. She explained the program and asked the Commissioners to think about organizations or individuals that have made a contribution to the arts in the community, and to email her their nominations and qualifications, and she would bring it back for next month's meeting. She further explained the different levels of awards.

7. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. Utility Bill Donations Update

Ms. Hilton presented the staff report. She reviewed the donations that have been received to date since the "Take Part in the Arts" program in 2006. She explained that the average donations received per month is \$284. There was discussion regarding the possibility of changing the message.

B. Foundation Update – oral report

Mr. Goss gave the staff report update. He highlighted the pros and cons of the proposed program as reviewed by the City's Finance Department. Mr. Goss explained that he would still like to talk to the City Manager, and he suspects that the project may get deferred to the new Finance Director. He reiterated to FACC that he wants to explore the options further.

8. **REPORTS**

A. Parks and Recreation Report

Ms. Hilton stated that the next gallery opening is August 24th: California Water Color Society with a reception at 6:00 p.m. She also said they filled the vacant staff position for the arts and cultural division with Lynne Gibboney.

B. Patrons of the Arts

Commissioner Rizell said they are continuing to work on the Gourd and Arts Festival and the tourism grant. She explained that Folsom Focus is starting again and she passed out postcards.

C. Historic District Revitalization Project - None

9. **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS**

Commissioner Edmondson expressed her opinion that the foundation money should stay earmarked for the arts. Staff reiterated that the funding was earmarked for the arts.

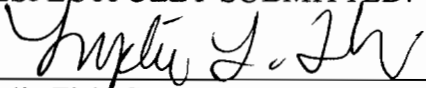
10. **PROPOSED ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION**

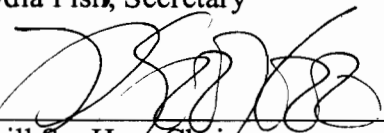
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11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no further business brought before the Arts and Cultural Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:


Lydia Fish, Secretary


Neill Soohoo, Chair