

MINUTES
FOLSOM ARTS AND CULTURAL COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
6:30 P.M. – April 10, 2008
50 NATOMA STREET

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** Commissioners Finnegan, Otey, Rizell and SooHoo were present.
 Commissioners Burrell, Edmondson and Heard were absent.

3. **MINUTES:**

The Minutes of January 31, 2008, were approved on a motion by Commissioner Finnegan and seconded by Commissioner Otey.

4. **BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR:** - None

5. **SCHEDULED PRESENTATION:** - None

6. **ACTION ITEMS:**

A. East Bidwell Bike/Pedestrian Overcrossing Art Work

Staff member Sandy Hilton introduced Parks and Recreation Director Robert Goss who discussed the delay on the overcrossing due to the possibility of an endangered red legged frog. Ms. Hilton explained budget restraints on the project and that the artist recommended a single color instead of the multiple colors originally approved by FACC due to the costs. Chair SooHoo asked that more water waves be added to the piece so they wouldn't resemble worms.

Ms. Hilton introduced the artist who created the overcrossing art work, Lisa Deniz.

Ms. Lisa Deniz addressed the Commission and presented her vision for the art pieces she designed for the overcrossing. Ms. Deniz shared the original designs as proposed and explained the changes made due to cost constraints. She discussed her motivation and inspiration for the designs.

After discussion among the Commission and clarification from Ms. Deniz and staff, Chair SooHoo moved to approve the project as proposed with the addition of two wave elements and some asymmetrical placement to make the art more in keeping with the creek. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rizell.

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

B. Appointments to Grant Review Sub-Committee

Ms. Hilton explained the grant review sub-committee process. She stated that staff recommends that the Chair appoint two Commissioners to serve. After some discussion of who would like to participate, it was decided that Commissioners Edmondson and Heard would sit on the Grant Review Sub-Committee. Ms. Hilton also informed FACC that they received 17 grant applications and a total of \$45,975 in grant requests.

C. Utility Bill Donations – recommendations for funding

Ms. Hilton explained the funds available from the Utility Bill Donations and discussed what the money has been spent for in the past. She stated the balance is currently \$5,700 and that staff's recommendation is that FACC look at future events for consideration, and that some money stays in the fund for projects that come up during the year.

Commissioner Finnegan moved to approve the expenditure of Utility Bill Donation funds of \$1000 for concerts in the park and \$1000 for the gallery exhibitions. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Otey.

AYES: Commissioners: Finnegan, Otey, Rizell, SooHoo

NOES: Commissioners: None

ABSENT: Commissioners: Burrell, Edmondson, Heard

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None

7. **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

A. Endowment Update

Ms. Hilton updated FACC which including the successful State of the Arts Event and thanked Chair SooHoo for his hard work on the event. She explained that the event was a kick-off to the campaign for the arts endowment set up with the Sacramento Region Community Foundation. Ms. Hilton stated that the \$50,000 from the Willow Springs property sale has been transferred to the fund.

B. Arts and Senior Center Public Art update

Ms. Hilton explained that staff is moving forward with the project and stated that they have contacted artists with the help of SMAC and has already received some phone calls. She also passed out flyers regarding the new art exhibit at the art center. Ms. Hilton stated that two commissioners will be asked to join the selection committee for the art center, at the next meeting.

8. **REPORTS:**

A. Parks and Recreation Report

Parks and Recreation Director Robert Goss updated FACC on the status of the department budget. He informed the Commission of concerns of budget cuts as well as necessary cuts to meet the required cutbacks. Mr. Goss also presented the Cyclebration event that will be take place in September and is being organized by the City Parks and Recreation Department.

Ms. Hilton reported that Cats and Dogs art opens at the Galley on Friday with live Jazz. She stated that the one-year celebration is May 30th from 5-8 p.m. She also announced that the May FACC meeting cannot happen on May 8th and suggested May 22nd or May 29th. The Commission agreed that May 22nd would be a better date for the special meeting.

B. Patrons of the Arts

Commissioner Rizell reported that the Patrons had the last of their grant workshops regarding development grant proposals for the arts and that they had a good turnout with good feedback. She said that the Patrons are interested in continuing the workshops.

C. Historic District Revitalization Project – None

D. Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission

Commissioner Finnegan reported on the budget for the airport expansion. He also stated that SMAC is struggling financially.

9. **COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Commissioner Otey reminded FACC about the studio tour May 26-27 in El Dorado Hills and Cameron Park. She also said that they were able to sponsor a student to attend the Patrons grant writing class.

Ms. Hilton invited the Commissioners to the Wine Gallery Anniversary event on behalf of Commissioner Heard.

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

Chair SooHoo stated that the Arts Selection Committee should be on a future agenda. Ms. Hilton said they will bring back Arts in Public Places for the June meeting.

11. **ADJOURNMENT:**

There being no more business brought before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



Lydia Hush, Secretary



Neill SooHoo, Chair