

Arts and Culture Commission Meeting
Tuesday, July 12, 2016

MINUTES

Commissioners Present:

Pauline B. Fong-Martinez
Norman J. Rizzi
Nancy G. Rodriguez
Dorie Paniza

Commissioners Absent:

Manufou Liaiga-Anoa'I

Staff Present:

Julie Thuy Underwood (Asst. City Manager)

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm. Julie noted that minutes from the past meetings will be available at the August meeting.

The Commission confirmed that the Light Up Our World (LUOW) Event will be on Saturday, November 19, 2016. This should be featured as our kick-off event in support of the arts.

Dorie said that she mailed out seven fundraising letters and will follow up with calls. Norm provided sponsor names to Pauline.

Pauline and Norm reviewed the search light costs and are planning to put down the required \$100 deposit to reserve the lights.

Nancy asked if the event would have an emcee. The Commission discussed some possible people, but decided to hold off on determining this.

Pauline invited the Daly City Public Library Associates (DCPLA) to take on one of the hands-on activities. They liked the idea. Pauline offered an honorarium if necessary, although it would be limited. The DCPLA committed to participate.

Board of Trustees of the Public Library are appointed by the City like our commission, while the DCPLA is organized to bring in (fundraise) money for the library to provide needed resources.

The Commission discussed having input in other aspects of decision-making for Daly City. They thought it would be helpful to create a policy statement and put it in the Strategic Plan.

Norm stated that we want to make it clear if public funds are not spent on the event.

Pauline stated that fundraising is about establishing relationships of supporters. If anyone knows of an organization that we can network and build relationships with we should contact them.

Commissioner Reports:

Norm reported out on the Century Theater and found that is not suitable for “live theater.” He also mentioned that there is no longer an agreement with the City, but it is worth looking at the original agreement and trying to work out a new agreement. It would be important to get more details from the new management.

There are other fully developed theaters in San Mateo County like Capucino in Millbrae and San Mateo High School. Bayshore School is also developing one here in Daly City, but Norm wasn't sure if it would be fully equipped to really support performing arts. Pauline asked how can the Commission support this project? How important is it for us to have a theater in Daly City? Julie mentioned creating a survey for residents to see what their priorities are.

Norm mentioned that the Westlake Performing Arts Center is looking for theatre space. Skyline Community College closed their theatre for two years to rebuild it. Norm recommended that the WPA go to Pacifica's Terra Nova Theatre; however, they chose Capucino in Millbrae.

Norm will present his research on Century theaters to Councilmember Buenaventura and Christensen, and Mayor Torres.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.