



Arts and Culture Commission
Tuesday, June 9, 2015

MINUTES

Commissioners Present:

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

Commissioners Absent:

Manūfou Liaiga-Anoa'i

Staff Present:

Julie Thuy Underwood, Asst. City Manager
Joseph Curran, Director of Library and Recreation

The Commission commenced the meeting at 6:25pm with the flag salute and roll call. The minutes were approved as amended.

Norm suggested that the agenda include a regular item for public comment and feedback, letters and e-mails received from citizens, and a reporting out of meetings attended. Joseph stated that letters/emails may be presented during Public Comment and that commissioner's may report out under Commissioners Reports.

Norm also suggested that the Commission discuss standardizing the meeting dates and times. The Commissioners agreed to add it to next month's agenda.

Joseph explained the expectations of the chair and the vice chair. The chair's role is to facilitate the meetings and the vice chair should fill in when the chair is absent. Also, the chair would work with staff to help prepare the agenda. Norm suggested that the chair should be knowledgeable of fine arts. There was some discussion to revisit the definition of fine arts in the future. There was consensus to continue the discussion of the election of officers to the next meeting.

Pauline asked the Commission if they were interested in sponsoring a wine and/or beer festival. Joseph provided background and context to the challenges of holding events in the City. He suggested that the Commission be realistic and start small in order to obtain a few successes. Joseph suggested housing an art exhibit in the Octagon Gallery in City Hall.

Pauline suggested that since we're new to each other that the Commission do some team building that focuses on sharing common values. A SWOT analysis was suggested and everyone agreed to do this at the next meeting.

In addition, Pauline suggested that the Commission change the meeting time from 6:30 to 8:00pm. Pauline believes that meetings which go on beyond an hour and half may no longer be productive. Norm disagreed based on his experience with the Sanitation Commission. Everyone agreed to change the meeting to 6:30-8:00pm.

Norm suggested more communication among the different community members and generations. He stated that no one knows what's going on in Daly City. Nancy stated that we're in an industrial revolution with the communication gap between younger people and seniors.

Pauline talked about the challenge of getting people to attend events; Nancy agreed that was her experience as well.

There was a general discussion of fine art and popular art and how it can be used to involve youth and older citizens. Pauline shared an example at the Asian Art Museum, which has a multigenerational exhibit titled, "Growing Up Asian," in which contributors submit essays and photos.

Norm provided a report on the Terra Nova Theater in Pacifica. Norm took a tour and suggested that Commissioners also take a tour of the theater. Pauline mentioned that she believes events should be in Daly City, not in Pacifica. Pauline agreed to go to Terra Nova Theater with Norm.

Joseph explained the recent photo contest and asked for volunteers to serve on an art jury to select the winners. Pauline and Nancy volunteered.

Public Comment: Joseph read a letter from a constituent who shared her concern that there is no venue for performing arts.

The Commission discussed possible meeting dates for the next meeting: June 23, July 7, July 14 and July 21. Julie will provide a Doodle poll so that Commissions can select which dates work best for them.

Agenda items for the next meeting include: team building exercise, SWOT Analysis, discuss art work in the Octagon Gallery at City Hall, Photography Contest, standardizing regular meeting dates and times, and election of officers

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.