

THE ARTS COMMISSION MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 2<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF FEBRUARY 2009 AT 5:00 P.M. AT CITY HALL, 608 HEBER AVE, CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA. THE DATE, HOUR AND PLACE DULY ESTABLISHED FOR HOLDING SUCH SAID MEETING.

### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m.

### ROLL CALL

#### *Present:*

Bill Hodge  
Soledad Salazar  
Berenice Martinez  
Jose D. Garcia  
Ulises Cardenas

#### *Absent:*

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Bill Hodge.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garcia and passed unanimously, the agenda was approved as delivered.

### COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

*Commissioner Garcia* apologized to the Commission for not attending the last two meetings due to his hectic work schedule.

*Commissioner Garcia* suggested having an art show/exhibit for the snow birds as a way of attracting more of them to Calexico. He stated that snow birds are a large group of potential customers and that by having events for them, the City and Arts Commission might be able to raise some revenue.

*Chairman Hodge* stated that through CASA, his drama class will be performing acts from "Luis Valdez." His class will be performing at the High School's Black Box theatre, but he is considering performing an additional night at the Cultural Arts Center.

*Chairman Hodge* also stated that he is still looking for a good children's play to perform. He would like something easy for young children, ages 6-8.

### CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Garcia the minutes for the regular meeting on December 1, 2008, were approved as delivered.

## **STRATEGIC PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

Chairman Hodge stated that the Commission needs to work on new ideas for creating new ties with Mexicali Artists.

Commissioner Martinez suggested that the Arts Commission attend some of Mexicali's artistic events in order to show their support, and introduce themselves.

Ms. Tauler reported that her staff is working on the Artist Directory. A rough draft will be available next month for them to view.

## **REORGANIZATION OF COMMISSION**

On motion by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Soledad, and passed unanimously, Bill Hodge was re-elected as Chairman.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT ON PLANNING STUDENT ART EXHIBIT**

Chairman Hodge explained that the Youth Art Exhibit is moving along. The flyers have been distributed. The exhibit will be for students throughout the Imperial Valley. The deadline to sign up is March 6<sup>th</sup>. Artists must provide their own framing and matting. The Commissioners suggested that the students turn in their artwork on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Tauler informed the Commission that by keeping the artwork for such a long time, they would be creating a greater liability for themselves. The Commission decided to have the students turn in their artwork the day before, March 26<sup>th</sup>, or the morning of the event, March 27<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Hodge suggested setting up a donation bowl or box on the day of the Art exhibit. The next subcommittee meeting will take place on February 5, 2009, at the Camarena Memorial Library.

## **ARTIST OF THE MONTH MINI EXHIBITS SCHEDULE**

Ms. Tauler reported that there are only 2 slots available for the mini art exhibits. Each artist must set up their own artwork, and it is only an exhibit. If the artist opts to hold a reception on their own, they may do so. Also, the artwork displayed must be flat. For now there are only easels available to display the art, there are no tables. Ms. Tauler explained that the art displayed for the mini art exhibits must be family friendly, meaning no nudity, since children attend classes at the Cultural Arts Center and will be exposed to the art.

Commissioner Garcia stated that he would like to sign up as an artist for the month August.

Commissioner Garcia noticed that the Calexico High School was listed twice on the schedule, Ms. Tauler replied that they are signed up twice for different school projects.

Commissioner Martinez mentioned that maybe the artists should sign a waiver in case any of the art is damaged.

## **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Ms. Tauler reported that the display rails were installed today on one wall. Ms. Tauler stated that only one rail had been ordered to see if it was going to work and if it was worth having. Ms. Tauler also reported that the first mini art exhibit opens today. The artist is Marco Unzon.

Ms. Tauler reported that a new beginners guitar class for adults is now being offered at the Cultural Arts Center. The class was opened because the number of adults and children

attending the beginner class grew enough to be able to separate into an adult beginner and children's beginner class.

Chairman Hodge asked Ms. Tauler if there was a chance that the Cultural Arts Center would be closed due to the budget. Ms. Tauler replied that there will be a City Council meeting on Tuesday, January 6<sup>th</sup>, and they will be discussing the budget and what further changes need to be made in order to balance the budget. Ms. Tauler stated nothing has been decided.

Chairman Hodge inquired about the Carnegie building. Ms. Tauler reported that the Carnegie Technology Center is open on Mondays, from 4 – 8 p.m. There is no money available at the moment to open any more days or hours. Ms. Tauler is looking for funding in order to be able to open an additional night. She would like the Carnegie to have the same schedule as the Cultural Arts Center. Eventually the Carnegie will have a digital museum and a coffee shop, once it is open more days.

Ms. Tauler stated that the Bi-Monthly newsletter will not be printed on paper any longer. In order to cut costs, the newsletter will no only be available online.

### INFORMATION

ACTIVITY CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY & FEBRUARY  
JAN/FEB 2009 NEWSLETTER

Meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

*NEXT REGULAR MEETING: MARCH 2, 2009*