

THE ARTS COMMISSION MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THE 3rd DAY OF MAY 2010 AT 6:00 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 6:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present:

Bill Hodge
Soledad Salazar
Judith Mazon
Sergio Gaytan
Hildy Carillo
Sandra Tauler, Community Services Director

Absent:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The flag salute was lead by Chairman Hodge.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

COMMENTS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Gaytan asked Ms. Tauler about the status of the Cultural Arts Center. Ms. Tauler replied that the Chelsea Group is still working on it. The building belongs to them, thus the responsibility of repairing the building falls with them. The Calexico Development Services department says that they believe the Cultural Arts Center is salvageable. The Chelsea Group has told their Senior Citizen residents that they plan on reopening the De Anza Hotel in about six months.

Commissioner Carillo asked City Manager, Victor Carillo, about the placement of the Senior Citizens who were living at the De Anza Hotel. Mr. Carrillo replied that 117 of the Seniors went to live with relatives, 32 moved to Mexicali, and 48 are living in hotels. The Chelsea Company paid the first few days of the hotel rent, Campesinos Unidos also paid a portion of the hotel rent as well as the Calexico Neighborhood House. The Calexico Redevelopment Agency has received money to pay for hotels for up to six months while they wait for the De Anza Hotel to be restored. *Commissioner Carillo* mentioned that the Holtville Chamber of Commerce also donated money to help out with the Senior Citizens. Mr. Carrillo mentioned that the City is canvassing for available housing for seniors, but so far only 11 housing facilities have met the program requirements to house Senior Citizens.

Commissioner Carrillo reported that the 2010 Mariachi Festival would be kicking off on Tuesday, May 11th at the Family Style Buffet from 5-8p.m. On Wednesday there will be an artesanias exhibit at the Woman's Improvement Club and on Thursday there will be a meet and

greet with the candidates running in the upcoming local elections. A sponsor dinner will be held on Friday at the Woman's Improvement Club and ending the week is the Mariachi concert Saturday night at Crummet Park.

Chairman Hodge asked about the status of Mrs. Bradley's project. Ms. Tauler replied that she spoke to Mrs. Bradley today, and was scheduled to meet with her next week.

Chairman Hodge asked about the status of the earthquake concert. *Commissioner Carrillo* responded that she had followed up with Dan Navarro and had set a tentative for June 6th at Rodney Auditorium. Chairman Hodge asked what role the Arts Commission would have with the concert. *Commissioner Carrillo* responded that they would be in charge of selling tickets, promoting the event, and media releases. Dan Navarro is working on the line up for the concert. He is trying to contact different bands who will be willing to perform for free.

Chairman Hodge asked about the status of the non-profit account that will be opened under the Chamber of Commerce. *Commissioner Carrillo* replied that the Chamber of Commerce is waiting for an MOU from the City of Calexico.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

No comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Commissioner Carrillo, seconded by Commissioner Salazar and passed unanimously the minutes for the special meeting on April 12, 2010, were approved as delivered.

ARTS COMMISSION 60'S DANCE FUNDRAISER - - SET NEW DATE

Commissioner Carillo said that as far as she knew, the Elk's Club was open except for the bar area. City Manager, Victor Carillo, stated that he did not have any information on the status of the Elk's Club, but suggested to the Commission that they postpone the dance until the fall. He also suggested that they consider having the 60's dance after a home football game at Applebee's. The Class of 1979 had a function at Applebee's after last year's homecoming dance and it was a huge success. All Commissioners decided to postpone the 60's dance until late September or early October.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Ms. Tauler reported that the guitar and music classes that were being held at the Cultural Arts Center are now being held at the Community Center due to the earthquake damage at the Cultural Arts Center. The borrowed artwork, all easels, instruments and other materials continue to be stuck inside the Cultural Arts Center. Ms. Tauler will inform the Commission of when they will be allowed to enter to take out all items from the Cultural Arts Center.
- Ms. Tauler reported that the City is working on next fiscal year's budget. The budget for the Cultural Arts Center will be cut by \$8,880. She will keep the Commissioners informed of any further cuts or changes to the budget.
- Ms. Tauler informed the Commissioners that the Mariachi Idol auditions will be held at the Library on Wednesday, May 5th. She asked that they help spread the word and invited the Commissioners to attend the auditions.

INFORMATION

ACTIVITY CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF MAY
SURE HELPLINE FLYER - - ONLINE DATING

Meeting was adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: JUNE 7, 2010