

# HERITAGE AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

## REGULAR MEETING

### *Minutes*

#### CITY OF DUBLIN

June 11, 2015

The June 11, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Heritage and Cultural Arts Commission was called to order at 7:05 PM at the Dublin Civic Center, Dublin, California, by Chair Iharosi

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Iharosi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners (Cm.) Present: Blackburn, Deets, Iharosi, Minniear, Szollos

Commissioners Absent: He, Tutino

#### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

##### **3.1 PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Ms. Anita Carr, Alameda County (ALCO) Arts Commissioner, informed the Commission the ALCO Arts Commission completed their recommendation of the 2015 Arts Leadership Awards and noted the Tri-Valley was under-represented among the field of nominations this year. Ms. Carr encouraged the Commission to look for individuals or groups who stand out as contributors to developing art in the Dublin community, to apply in 2016. Ms. Carr also stated the ALCO Arts Commission recently finished accepting proposals for the 2015 Artwork Purchase Program.

Ms. Micki Cronin, Assistant Director of Parks and Community Services, introduced the new Cultural Arts & Heritage Manager, Ms. Tegan McLane.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### **4.1 Special Joint Meeting April 20, 2015**

On a motion by Cm. Deets, seconded by Cm. Blackburn and by a vote of 5-0-0 with Cm. He and Tutino absent, the Commission voted to approve the minutes of the Joint Meeting with the Parks and Community Services Commission on April 20, 2015, as presented.

##### **4.2 Regular Meeting May 14, 2015**

On a motion by Cm. Minniear, seconded by Cm. Deets, and by a vote of 4-0-1 with Cm. He and Tutino absent, the Commission voted to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of May 14, 2015 as presented. Chair Iharosi abstained from the vote as she was not present for the meeting.

#### **WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

#### **PUBLIC HEARING**

None

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **8.1 Winter Quarterly Report**

Ms. Cronin presented the specifics of the item as outlined in the Staff Report.

Cm. Blackburn asked about the Cultural Arts class cancellation rate. Ms. Cronin stated cancellations depend on a number of factors, primarily the number of participants registered for the program. In some cases a class may be held despite low enrollment in order to build the program. If a class has repeatedly low enrollments, Staff may decline to offer the class in the future. Additionally, during the winter quarter, the Preschool Program located at Emerald Glen Park relocated to the Shannon Community Center multipurpose room due to Aquatics Center construction. This resulted in some cultural arts class relocations and cancellations. Cm. Blackburn stated it would be helpful for the Commission to receive Staff's impression on the demand for classes as the population and demographics change. Ms. Cronin stated the City is always looking for new types of contract classes.

Cm. Deets commented on the increasing diversity in Dublin. Cm. Deets asked if Staff is making any special effort to market City recreation programs to specific demographic groups. Ms. Cronin commented on enrollment in summer camps. Cm. Deets mentioned a cultural website that might offer additional marketing opportunities.

Cm. Minniear stated an annual comparison of Heritage Center Exhibit Attendance and Visitors may be more beneficial than a quarterly comparison. Ms. Cronin stated Staff would look into presenting an annual comparison rather than quarterly.

Cm. Minniear noted the decrease in tour attendance in the visitor comparison.

Cm. Szollos questioned why the walk-in numbers for exhibit attendance differed from visitor counts. Ms. Cronin stated she would refer to the Heritage Center Staff for clarification.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **9.1 BRIEF INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS FROM HERITAGE & CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSIONERS AND/OR STAFF**

Cm. Blackburn reported she attended the Dublin Camp Parks Military History Exhibit Work Group meeting.

Cm. Deets commented on the positive aspects of being in a work group for a project.

Cm. Minniear reported he attended the Dublin Camp Parks Military History Exhibit Work Group meeting; he commented on how the group worked very well together.

Chair Iharosi reported she attended the St. Patrick's Day Festival and Parade. She asked whether residents – particularly those with children or dogs in festive attire -- are allowed to march at the tail end of the parade. Ms. Cronin stated the St. Patrick's Day Parade is operated by the Dublin Lion's Club, but indicated Staff could gather more information to bring back to the Commission. Chair Iharosi also said she attended the Eggstravaganza and expressed disappointment that the petting zoo was not at the event this year. Ms. Cronin stated the City puppet show was scheduled to replace the petting zoo. Chair Iharosi stated she registered her daughter for Little Lovies preschool and had a good experience.

Cm. Blackburn informed the Commission her jazz band, Four & More, is scheduled to perform at the Farmers' Market on June 18, 2015.

Cm. Minniear commended the City for the Camp Parks Exhibit Work Group process.

Ms. McLane and Ms. Cronin provided program and project updates.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Kransky, Senior Office Assistant.

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Chairperson

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Micki Cronin  
Assistant Director of Parks and Community Services