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CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION
Minutes of the October 6, 2008 Meeting

Commissioners Present: Michelle Castro; Debi Davis; Fatima Fagundes; Marwan Fawal; and Janean Snyder

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Liaison: Pam Morrison, Staff Liaison

Visitors: Jim Narveson, Santa Clara Players/Mission City Opera

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MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION – None.

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1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chair Davis.

2. **Approval of Minutes.** Commissioner Fagundes moved to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Snyder seconded the motion and it passed unanimously, with Commissioner Fawal abstaining as he was not at the August meeting.

3. **Correspondence & Announcements**: Staff reviewed the correspondence received by the Commission, including an announcement for Santa Clara Players upcoming production of "Table Manners," and Americans for the Arts publication "ArtsLink" for summer 2008.

4. **New Business**

   a. **Santa Clara Players – Request for Funding from Recent Production.** Jim Narveson, representing the Santa Clara Players, presented a funding request for the Santa Clara Player's recent production "Proof," which was budgeted in the 2008-09 fiscal year. Commissioner Castro moved to release payment of $1,625 to the Players; Commissioner Fawal seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

   b. **Santa Clara Sister Cities – Financial Report from Beer/Wine Sales at 2008 Street Dance.** Chair Davis, on behalf of Santa Clara Sister Cities Association, presented the Commission with a check for $2737.89, representing ½ the profit from the beer/wine concession sales at the street dance. This is a substantial increase over previous years, and the Commissioners expressed their appreciation to Sister Cities for their hard work.

5. **Unfinished Business**

   a. **"Americans for the Arts" Annual Conference – Report on Commissioner Attendance.** Former Commissioner Martin David was not able to attend the meeting, but he provided a written report on his attendance at the Americans for the Arts annual conference. Copies were distributed to each Commissioner.

b. **Concerts in the Park 2008 – Debrief.** Commissioners were pleased with how well the concerts went this year. Chair Davis agreed to handle the bookings for next year's concerts.

c. **"Art in the Air" Banner Display 2008 – Debrief.** Staff noted that the banners are scheduled to come down in the next week or two; in their place will be banners for the Triton Museum and Silicon Valley Power. The Triton Museum banners are similar to the banners that have been placed on the museum exterior; this is the first time they will be displayed. Commissioner Castro asked to be notified when the art banners are taken down so that she can make arrangements to have them cleaned.

d. **Next Sculpture Exhibition – Update.** The deadline for artists to submit entries is October 31, 2008. It was agreed that selection of the artwork would take place on Sunday, Nov 2 at noon in the Council Chambers. The opening reception will take place on Saturday, January 24, 2009. Chair Davis will contact the Boy Scouts to see if they can serve as docents at the reception. Commissioner Castro suggested that it would be a good idea to have a representative from the Triton Museum serve as a juror for all sculpture shows; staff will follow up with the Museum staff. Commissioners Castro, Snyder, and Fagundes agreed to serve as jurors for this show.

e. **Street Dance 2009 – Update.** The date for the 2009 Street Dance has been confirmed for August 7, 2009. Per Joe Sharino's request, no changes will be made to the stage location. Additional food booths are desirable; Commissioners and staff will contact other non-profits who might be interested. The Junior Theater face-painting booth was very popular; the Commission would like to invite them back for 2009.

f. **Art and Wine Festival 2008 – Debrief.** Commissioners Castro and Fagundes staffed the booth; representatives from Santa Clara Ballet Association also participated for a short time.

g. **Triton Museum of Art – Report of Activities**. Commissioner Davis reported on the most recent Triton Board meeting. It was noted that the Triton Blues Bash was not as well attended as in previous years.

6. **Commissioner Reports**. Commissioners reported on cultural activities of general interest.

7. **Public Presentations.** None.

8. **Adjournment.** As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 3, 2008, at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Morrison

Michelle Castro
Recording Secretary