

**CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES**

Monday, March 23, 2009

Redwood Day School
3245 Sheffield Avenue

1. Call to Order / Determination of Quorum:

A special meeting of the Cultural Affairs Commission (CAC) was held in the Redwood Day School library, located at 3245 Sheffield Avenue, Oakland, CA 94602. The meeting convened at 5:40 p.m. without a quorum. A quorum was achieved at 6:45 p.m. Lori Zook was the Acting Chairperson.

Present: Jacqueline Boggan, Stephen Goldstine*, Joyce Gordon, Terry Hill, Nicole Neditch, Matais Pouncil, Devin Satterfield, Brian Vejby, Lori Zook

Absent: Marcel Diallo, Jonathan Owens, Esteban Sabar, Velfrances Young-Dillard

Excused: None

Staff: Steven Huss, Cultural Arts Programs Coordinator and Department Liaison to the CAC

* denotes partial attendance

2. Open Forum: One speaker, Malon Wiley.

3. Action Item: Approval of minutes from February 23, 2009 regular meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Neditch moved to approve minutes.

Second: Commissioner Pouncil

Vote: Ayes: Commissioners Boggan, Goldstine, Gordon, Hill, Neditch, Pouncil, Satterfield, Vejby, Zook

Noes: none

Abstentions: none

Motion passed.

4. Staff Report: S. Huss announced that a public vigil for the four Oakland police officers recently slain in the line of duty would be held at the Oracle Arena on Friday, March 27. He also announced the schedule of Cultural Funding Program review panels.

5. Public Art Advisory Committee Report: Commissioner Boggan. The agenda consisted of three design development reviews, and a discussion of the planned Public Art Academy training program. Commissioners urged that the Academy be publicly open to interested applicants.

6. Informational Report: Update on Oakland Cultural Trust and Other Arts Advocacy Efforts. Commissioner Zook noted that National Endowment for the Arts recovery funds are limited to recent NEA grantees and therefore not available to the Oakland Cultural Arts & Marketing Division. However, the CAC/cultural arts department should apply to the NEA for subgranting funds (August 2009 deadline).

7. Informational Report: Update on East Bay Cultural Corridor. S. Huss announced "510 Arts" as the name for the arts marketing partnership effort by Oakland and the other three East Bay cities.

8. Informational Report: Update on City Council's Proposed Ordinance Adding 2% Surcharge to Transient Occupancy Tax to Support Three Oakland Cultural Institutions and the Cultural Arts Programs and Festivals. Commissioners noted the vagueness in the language regarding the portion of funds that will be allocated to the Cultural Funding Program and the need for it to be clarified.

9. **Discussion Item:** CAC May 16, 2009 Retreat Agenda, Facilitator, and Preparation. John Killacky, program officer with the San Francisco Foundation, has agreed to facilitate the retreat pro bono. Potential locations were nominated.

10. **Agenda Building**

- Next Scheduled Regular Meeting: Monday, April 27, 2009, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m., Council Chambers
- Oakland Arts Marketing Campaign and Role of Oakland Convention & Visitors Bureau: Samee Roberts, Cultural Arts & Marketing Director
- Agenda for CAC Retreat
- Watershed Markers Public Art Project Artist Approval

11. **Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.