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Robert Reese
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MINUTES
COLTON HALL MUSEUM AND CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
August 1, 2005, 3:00 p.m.
City Council Chamber

Present: Commissioners Selfridge, Todd, Herman, Gilbertson, Reese, Stock and Welling

Staff: Kim Bui-Burton, Douglas Holtzman, Jim Conway and Chalet Catlin

Excused: Commissioners Ansel, Nash and Buskirk

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Herman called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Meeting of August 1, 2005. **MOTION:** Commissioner Todd made a motion to approve the minutes of August 1, 2005. Seconded by Commissioner Welling. All ayes, motion passed.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. STAFF COMMENTS

A. Activity report August 2005 – Kim presented the activity report for August. She also informed the commission that she would be attending a Heritage and Cultural Tourism conference with Fred Meurer in Washington in October. The commission was pleased with the report.

B. Alvarado Gallery - Request for date to review Applicants – Kim asked the commission to consider two dates, October 5th or 6th to review the applications. The Call for Art produced 37 applicants this year. Four did not fill requirements and have been eliminated. The commission discussed their schedules.

MOTION: Commissioner Todd made a motion to create an Ad-Hoc committee to review the applicants on October 6th and come back to the regular October meeting with a recommendation to the commission. Seconded by Selfridge. All ayes, motion passed. The Ad-hoc committee will be Commissioner Todd, Welling and Herman, with the possibility of Commissioner Nash replacing one of the other Commissioners, if he so desires. Chalet is to schedule.

V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Ad hoc Sculpture Repair Committee report – This report will be postponed due to Commissioner Nash's absence.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion of Colton Hall Music Fundraiser – Kim had two answers to her question regarding usage of the Hall for a Fundraising event. One was that admittance fees cannot be charged for Colton Hall, the other that admission may be charged for specific events. Kim suggested to the commission that they wait for a definitive answer from the City Attorney before further discussing a possible fundraiser.

B. Request from MHAA for donation of Angel for fundraiser – Kim presented a staff report to the commission regarding this request. Kim informed the Commission that the City had made a recent donation to the MHAA in support of the Jubilee already. Jim informed the commission of a number of ethical questions and problems associated with this request, referring to Museum Association ethical guidelines. Kim and Jim also expressed to the Commission their concern that the Museum and Cultural Arts Division did not have a policy in place in regards to this type of action and felt it would be prudent to deny the request. **MOTION:** Commissioner Gilbertson made a motion to accept the staff recommendation not to donate a Monterey Angel to the MHAA. Seconded by commissioner Welling. Commissioner Todd abstained from voting as she is on the Board of the MHAA. Four ayes, motion passed. The Commission directed staff to draft a letter to the MHAA informing them of their decision for the Chair's signature.

C. Chamber Music Selection Committee – Jim informed the commission that the Chamber Music deadline was Friday, September 23rd and that the packet was ready for review. The Commission agreed that a sub-committee should be formed to review the applicants and return with their recommendation at the next regular meeting. **MOTION:** Commissioner Todd made a motion that Commissioner Welling, Herman and she be appointed as the committee and review the applicants. Seconded by Commissioner Selfridge. All ayes, motion passed. Jim handed the packet to Commissioner Welling, who was to review and circulate to Commissioners Herman and Todd.

VII. COMMISSION COMMENTS

A. Todd – Was sorry she missed the last meeting, but commented on her travels. She viewed quite a lot of public art and had a wonderful vacation.

B. Gilbertson – Also sorry she missed the last meeting. She had a great vacation in New Hampshire. She also regrettably shared that she is officially resigning her commission as she is moving to Manor Place, just outside the city limits of Monterey.

C. Reese – Thanked Commissioner Gilbertson for her involvement and input as a commissioner all these years. Also wanted to let Morgan know that his shirt is cool.

D. Stock – Thanks for the compliments on the shirt. He is sure it is a men's shirt. Also shared with the commission that he was glad to hear most of the meeting.

E. Selfridge – Thanked Commissioner Gilbertson for her years as a commissioner. Was glad to see Historic Monterey was still promoting the History of Monterey with the flyer for History Fest. She was wondering if the commission could write a thank you for Jeanne for the work she did with Alvarado Gallery, as Celebration of Nature was her last show. Kim told her a card from the Commission would be appropriate.

F. Welling – Wanted to report to the commission that the Alvarado Gallery Art Opening wasn't as well attended as the other shows. His feeling was that the scheduling was a bit off as it was on the same night as Cherries Jubilee, Jazz Festival and an opening at the Carmel Sunset Center. These, he felt, made attendance less than average at the Gallery. He also suggested to the commission that they try to support these events since they sponsor them. The commission agreed. He also reminded everyone of the October 16th Historic Home Tour and stated that his bookstore would be on the route. Jim said the 16th was a big kick-off day for the History Fest and that the Re-enactment film would be presented at Colton Hall as well as music by William Faulkner and his Jalisco Harp on that same day.

G. Herman – Apologized to Commissioner Welling about being absent at the Opening.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

A. Vice-Chair Herman adjourned the meeting at 4:46 PM.

B. Next Meeting: October 24, 4:00 PM, City Council Chamber

Minutes by Chalet Catlin