



Colton Hall Museum
and
Cultural Arts Commission

Council Chamber
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Minutes

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2009

4:00 P.M.

Commissioners
Fatima Dias, Chair
Tandy Messenger, Vice-Chair
John Greenwald
Esther Rodriguez
Elizabeth Schneider
Bill Wojtkowski
Ex-Officio Commissioners
Rose Marie Ansel
Erna Morris
Robert Reese
Morgan Stock

CALL TO ORDER - 4:00 PM

ROLL CALL - Commissioners present: Fatima Dias, John Greenwald, Esther Rodriguez, Erna Morris, Elizabeth Schneider

Commissioners absent: Tandy Messenger, Bill Wojtkowski, Robert Reese, Morgan Stock, Rose Marie Ansel

Staff present: Kim Bui-Burton, Jim Conway, Claire Rygg

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. September 28, 2009

PUBLIC COMMENTS

PUBLIC COMMENTS allows you, the public, to speak for a maximum of three minutes on any subject which is not on the agenda. Any person or group desiring to bring an item to the attention of the Commission may do so by addressing Commission during Public Comments or by addressing a letter of explanation to: Library Director, Monterey Public Library, 625 Pacific Street, Monterey, CA 9394. The appropriate staff person will contact the sender concerning the details.

Councilmember Selfridge announced that artist Don DeNevi submitted a letter thanking the Commission and staff for the Alvarado Gallery Show.

REPORTS

2. Museum and Cultural Arts Division Activity Report – August 16 – September 11, 2009 – Conway is developing a relationship with Edward Ricketts' Jr., to acquire historical information about the Pacific Biological Laboratories. Ricketts provides his perspective on living at the lab as a teenager.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Recommendation from Sub-Committee to Commission for Evening Concert Music

Motion by Rodriguez for the Commission to adopt the Monterey String Quartet, Jackson Stock and Cantus Monterey as the three groups of musicians to perform for the Colton Hall Evening Music Series. Second by Greenwald. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

5. Status of Fundraising Sub-committee - Elizabeth Schneider will replace Commissioner Solitario on the sub-committee. Commissioners Greenwald, Schneider and Wojtkowski will explore issues of fundraising.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner may ask a question for clarification, make a brief announcement or make a brief report on his or her activities. In addition the Commission may provide a referral to staff or other resources for factual information, request staff to report back to the body at a subsequent meeting concerning any Cultural Arts or Colton Hall Museum matter, or direct staff to place a request to agendaize a matter of business on a future agenda.

Dias: A note from artist Don DeNevi:

“As one of three artists acknowledged at the reception Friday night in the Convention Center's Alvarado Gallery sponsored by the City of Monterey and its fine Cultural Arts Commission, I want to

express sincere and deep-felt gratitude to the Colton Museum and Cultural Arts staff who welcomed me and my watercolor paintings so graciously.

Normally, I would extend appropriate "thank-you's" where warranted, always genuinely conveyed. But, with the Colton Hall staff, I experienced something beyond professionalism, competence, and hospitality. All, including Kim Bui-Burton, Jim Conway, Nancy Newman, and several others whose names I don't recall, volunteers and commissioners alike, were so cordial that I honestly felt I had been received with real enthusiasm and hospitality into the City's home. Truly extraordinary.

And, the one who was most exceptional is Ms. Chalet Catlin, your Cultural Arts Assistant. In addition to making everything so, so easy for me, she paid me and the two other artists the highest of compliments: demonstrating a rare ability to intrinsically relate to the fundamental nature of who we are. In short, she, too, is an artist, in her own way, because she has a great big heart and that's what counts the most in creating. Monterey can be proud that Chalet is one of its best examplars."

Greenwald: DeNevi was charming and was genuinely thrilled to have his art shown at the gallery – first time art shown in public. He works at San Quentin Prison with the Recreation program. He loves his job. DeNevi's art made me feel good that he felt so good.

Schneider: Bill Stone's family was at the opening including his wife Nancy Stone and his grandchildren were at the show.

Rodriguez: It was such a pleasure to meet two out of the three artists. DeNevi wanted to know what I saw in his paintings that made me want to vote for him. He did not have any concept as to what people saw in his artwork. I liked the fact that the art show was very diverse.

Dias: The "Three Historians" during History Fest is next week.

NEXT MEETING

Colton Hall and Cultural Arts Commission Meeting – Monday, October 26, 2009 – 4:00 pm – City Council Chambers

ADJOURNMENT – 4:44 PM

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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS 2009 SCHEDULE

Monday, September 28	4:00 pm Cultural Arts Commission – regular meeting – City Council Chambers
October 8 – 11	History Fest
Monday, October 26	4:00 pm Cultural Arts Commission – regular meeting – City Council Chambers
Monday, November 23	4:00 pm Cultural Arts Commission – regular meeting – City Council Chambers
Thursday, December 10	5:00 pm Christmas in the Adobes
Saturday, December 12	5:00 pm Christmas in the Adobes
Post agenda:	City Hall, www.monterey.org
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