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## AGENDA

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

**Monday, June 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

El Cerrito City Council Chambers  
10890 San Pablo Avenue  
El Cerrito, CA 94530

The City encourages submission of written comments in advance to the Arts and Culture Commission via email to [wprovost@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:wprovost@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us) prior to the meeting or by contacting the staff liaison listed above.

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#### **6:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING**

- 1. ROLL CALL** – Chair Audrey Faine; Vice Chair Renée LeVesque  
Members: Courtney Helion, Kim Settles
- 2. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**
- 3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**  
*Remarks are typically limited to three minutes per person and may be on anything within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body. Remarks on non-agenda items will be heard first; remarks on agenda items will be heard at the time the item is discussed.*
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
Consider approval of the minutes of the May 20, 2024, meeting. (Attachment)
- 5. FILM FESTIVAL DISCUSSION**  
Hear a presentation from leaders of the Albany Film Festival in El Cerrito, discuss, and consider possible action relating to supporting the Film Festival.
- 6. YOUTH MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION**  
Discuss and consider the option to request the City advertise interest in a youth member appointment to the Arts & Culture Commission.
- 7. SAN PABLO AVENUE STREETScape ART REPAIR**  
In 2013, 12 wind sculptures were installed as part of the San Pablo Avenue Streetscape Public Art Project. The works were commissioned using funding from the City's Arts and Public Places Program, based on a recommendation from the Arts & Culture Commission. Eleven years later, 5 of the works are now in need of repair. Consider a motion approving the use of \$10,495 to pay for the repair and re-installation of the works. (Attachments)
- 8. EL CERRITO ARTS ORGANIZATION DATABASE**  
Discuss next steps and consider possible action items relating to developing a publicly available database of arts organizations that are active in El Cerrito. (Attachment)

**9. ACC CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Hear updates, participate in discussion, and consider possible action items regarding planning, logistics, and expenditures for the ACC calendar of events, including:

- 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- October Arts Month
- Juneteenth Event

**10. UPCOMING ITEMS**

- 2024 Utility Box Public Art Call for Artists (CFA) Award (July)
- Poet Laureate Proposed Term Extension
- Pilot Pavement Art CFA (August)
- City Hall Gallery Space CFA
- Public Art on Private Project – 729 Kearney

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Staff Liaison Will Provost at (510) 215-4318. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title I).

Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the members regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at [www.el-cerrito.org/acc](http://www.el-cerrito.org/acc).



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**DRAFT MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION**

**Monday, May 20, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

Hana Gardens Senior Center  
10870 San Pablo Avenue  
El Cerrito, CA 94530

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1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Audrey Faine called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.  
**Present:** Chair Audrey Faine; Vice Chair Renée LeVesque; Members: Courtney Helion, Kim Settles **Absent:** None

2. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**

Member Helion expressed appreciation for ACC members' attendance during the City Council meeting while the ACC workplan and accomplishments were presented.

Staff Liaison Provost provided an update on the City's budget process and encouraged the Commission members to read the draft budget.

3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Jack Kenny – introduced himself and other Albany FilmFest leaders and shared their enthusiasm for future collaborations as the FilmFest will be held at Rialto Cinemas Cerrito.

Buddy Akacić – announced his plan to nominate former Mayor Ableson for the City's Wall of Fame, suggested repairing the sign at the Community Center and adding a mural to a utility box there, and announced an upcoming concert.

4. **FOURTH OF JULY/WORLD-ONE FESTIVAL REQUEST FOR SUPPORT**

**Moved/Seconded:** Member Helion/Member Settles **Action:** Motion to approve financial support of \$12,000. **Ayes:** Chair Faine; Vice Chair LeVesque; Members Helion and Settles. **Noes:** None. Motion approved.

5. **REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Moved/Seconded:** Chair Faine/Member Helion **Action:** Motion to approve changing the start time for future ACC meetings to 6 p.m. **Ayes:** Chair Faine; Vice Chair LeVesque; Members Helion and Settles. **Noes:** None. Motion approved.

**Public Comments:**

Buddy Akacić – expressed opinion in support of regular monthly meeting frequency

6. **EL CERRITO ARTS ORGANIZATION DATABASE**

Chair Faine to update the current draft list and convert it to an Excel document to share with other members of the ACC at the next meeting.

7. **ACC CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

- 4<sup>th</sup> of July – ACC will have a combined booth with the ECCRU artist offering a card making workshop.
- October Arts Month – began compiling a list of October arts events including the El Cerrito Free Folk Festival, El Cerrito Art Association Annual Art Show, City Hall Gallery Space exhibition, and Film Festival.

8. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Moved/Seconded:** Vice Chair LeVesque/Member Helion **Action:** Motion to approve April 22, 2024 meeting minutes. **Ayes:** Chair Faine; Vice Chair LeVesque; Members Helion and Settles. **Noes:** None. Motion approved.

9. **UPCOMING ITEMS**

- 2024 Utility Box Public Art Call for Artists (CFA) Award (July)
- Pilot Pavement Art CFA (July/August)
- City Hall Gallery Space CFA (July/August)
- Public Art on Private Project – 729 Kearney
- Film Festival Discussion
- Juneteenth 2025 Discussion

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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Audrey Faine, Chair

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Arts and Culture Commission meeting of May 20, 2024, as approved by the Arts and Culture Commission.

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Will Provost, Staff Liaison



**Ride Art** 2410 Valley St., Berkeley, CA 94702  
www.rideartstudio.com



## Art Repair and Maintenance Proposal

**Client:** City of El Cerrito

**Date:** 05/31/2024

**Contact:** Will Provost  
Assistant to the City Manager  
(510) 215-4318  
wprovost@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us

**Project:** Repair and cleaning of copper wind sculptures along San Pablo Avenue

### **Scope of Work:**

Ride Art Studio to repair and clean copper wind sculptures originally fabricated and installed by Ride Art Studio in 2013. Several copper wind sculptures were damaged within the last 5 years due to damages to the city light poles. The artworks have been removed from their original locations and stored in the city yard. Will Provost has contacted Ride Art requesting an assesment of the extent of damages and asked Ride Art to put together a repair and maintenance proposal.

### **Sculptures in Scope:**

| Item         | Location                                   | Description                                                                                    | Cost            |
|--------------|--------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Sculpture 1  | Pete's Coffee (at Carlson Blvd)            | Rebuild partial sculpture / clean entire surface / replace bearing                             | \$2,500         |
| Sculpture 2  | Daiso (at Carlson Blvd)                    | Rebuild partial sculpture / clean entire sculpture / replace bearing                           | \$2,500         |
| Sculpture 3  | Fire Station (at Manila Ave)               | Repair some dented area / clean entire sculpture / replace bearing                             | \$1,500         |
| Sculpture 4  | *IHOP (at Peerless Ave & Hill St)          | Repair and reattach shifted raindrops / clean entire sculpture / replace bearing / refinishing | \$1,500         |
| Sculpture 5  | Home Depot (between Wall Ave & Conlon Ave) | Repair some dented area / clean entire sculpture / replace bearing                             | \$1,500         |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |                                            |                                                                                                | <b>\$ 9,500</b> |

\* Sculpture 4 is still attached to the current leaning light pole.

Proposal prepared by Ride Art Studio

Contact: Saori Russell

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]



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A-General Engineering  
C-10 Electrical  
Union Contractor

PO Box 2057, San Leandro, CA 94577

Office: [REDACTED]

Fax: [REDACTED]

## QUOTE

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| DATE:  | 6/3/2024    | TO:    | Karineh Samkian                     |
| FROM:  | Monica Kint | FROM:  | City of El Cerrito                  |
| PHONE: | [REDACTED]  | PHONE: | 510-525-7603                        |
| FAX:   | [REDACTED]  | EMAIL: | <u>KSamkian@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us</u> |
| EMAIL: | [REDACTED]  |        |                                     |

**BID/PROJECT: San Pablo - Copper Art Structures**

We are pleased to offer our proposal for the above referenced project as follows:

**Install (5) copper art structures on existing streetlight poles**

**TOTAL: \$995.00**

Thank you for this opportunity! Quoted during normal business hours M-F 7-3:00

Accepted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*The confidential data and information contained in SFE's proposals/offers, any and all oral discussion or comment relating to the confidential data and information and any information derived therefrom shall be maintained in the strictest confidence and shall not be released, sold, disseminated, transferred or otherwise disclosed by any means to any person, firm, corporation, or third party without the prior written approval of SFE.*

Please feel free to contact Monica Kint regarding any questions

# Attachment 4 - DRAFT El Cerrito Arts Organization Database

| Organizations                                       | Website                                                                                         | Email                                                                                                           | Mission                                                                                                                                                                                     | Location   | Focus                           |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|
| West Oakland Stories Positive Feeling Movement Inc. | <a href="https://westoaklandstories.org/">https://westoaklandstories.org/</a>                   | <a href="mailto:westoaklandstories@gmail.com">westoaklandstories@gmail.com</a>                                  | Positive Feeling Movement, No Negative Speak; storytelling                                                                                                                                  | Oakland    | Storytelling                    |
| Arhoolie Foundation                                 | <a href="https://arhoolie.org/">https://arhoolie.org/</a>                                       |                                                                                                                 | Preservation of roots music                                                                                                                                                                 | El Cerrito | Music                           |
| Klezcalifornia Inc                                  | <a href="https://klezcalifornia.org/">https://klezcalifornia.org/</a>                           | <a href="mailto:nu@klezcalifornia.org">nu@klezcalifornia.org</a>                                                | Yiddish culture - connection & community                                                                                                                                                    | El Cerrito | Culture                         |
| Two Cats Gallery Inc                                | <a href="https://www.twocats.gallery/">https://www.twocats.gallery/</a>                         | <a href="mailto:twocatsgallery@gmail.com">twocatsgallery@gmail.com</a>                                          | DIY art gallery                                                                                                                                                                             | El Cerrito | Arts                            |
| Creative Nepal Youth Organization                   | <a href="https://creativenepalclub.wordpress.com/">https://creativenepalclub.wordpress.com/</a> | <a href="https://creativenepalclub.wordpress.com/contact/">https://creativenepalclub.wordpress.com/contact/</a> | Nepalese youth org                                                                                                                                                                          | Albany     | Culture                         |
| Blood Moon Orchestra                                | <a href="https://www.bloodmoonorchestra.org/">https://www.bloodmoonorchestra.org/</a>           | <a href="https://www.bloodmoonorchestra.org/contact">https://www.bloodmoonorchestra.org/contact</a>             | Advancing traditional music through innovation, collaboration and education                                                                                                                 | Fremont    | Music                           |
| Chamber Music Sundaes Inc                           | <a href="https://www.chambermusicsundaes.org/">https://www.chambermusicsundaes.org/</a>         |                                                                                                                 | Small ensemble groups from the SF Symphony perform at the Hillside Club                                                                                                                     | Berkeley   | Music                           |
| Verismo Opera Company                               | <a href="https://www.verismoopera.org/">https://www.verismoopera.org/</a>                       | <a href="https://www.verismoopera.org/contact">https://www.verismoopera.org/contact</a>                         | Live opera performances around the Bay Area                                                                                                                                                 | unknown    | Music                           |
| El Cerrito Band Association                         | <a href="https://echsbands.com/">https://echsbands.com/</a>                                     | <a href="mailto:info@echsbands.com">info@echsbands.com</a>                                                      | High school band performances, clinics, festivals, etc.                                                                                                                                     | El Cerrito | Music                           |
| Cultural Connections                                | <a href="https://cultural-connections.org/">https://cultural-connections.org/</a>               | <a href="mailto:info@cultural-connections.org">info@cultural-connections.org</a>                                | Bay Area community for arts professionals (museums, arts, culture)                                                                                                                          | unknown    | Arts                            |
| Together We Stand Corp                              | <a href="https://www.twsrevolution.org/">https://www.twsrevolution.org/</a>                     | <a href="mailto:Change@twsrevolution.org">Change@twsrevolution.org</a>                                          | A nonprofit organization dedicated to dismantling racism and discrimination and to promoting equality and inclusion                                                                         | unknown    | Social Justice                  |
| Bay Area Circle Dancers Inc                         | <a href="https://www.circledancing.com/">https://www.circledancing.com/</a>                     | <a href="https://www.circledancing.com/contact-us.html">https://www.circledancing.com/contact-us.html</a>       | A non profit organization dedicated to healing, joy, and spiritual connection through community dance.                                                                                      | unknown    | Dance                           |
| California Multicultural Arts Institution Inc.      | <a href="https://calmai.org/">https://calmai.org/</a>                                           | <a href="mailto:info@calmai.org">info@calmai.org</a>                                                            | To provide experiential learning in, and exposure to, international cultures featuring dance, instrumental music, singing, crafts, storytelling and other folklore.                         | El Cerrito | Dance, Music, Art, Storytelling |
| Golden Gate Live Steamers Inc                       | <a href="https://www.goldengatels.org/">https://www.goldengatels.org/</a>                       | <a href="mailto:GGLSSecy@Gmail.com">GGLSSecy@Gmail.com</a>                                                      | A non-profit museum whose mission is to operate a miniature live steam railroad, to teach, inform & promote model engineering craftsmanship.                                                | Orinda     | Museum                          |
| Les Blank Films                                     | <a href="https://lesblank.com/">https://lesblank.com/</a>                                       | <a href="https://lesblank.com/contact/">https://lesblank.com/contact/</a>                                       | Dedicated to preserving and celebrating the work of filmmaker Les Blank                                                                                                                     | El Cerrito | Film                            |
| Jiangs Foundation                                   | <a href="http://www.jiangfamilyfoundation.org/">http://www.jiangfamilyfoundation.org/</a>       | <a href="mailto:staff@jiangfamilyfoundation.org">staff@jiangfamilyfoundation.org</a>                            | Forms strategic partnerships with non-profits in our communities to unlock solutions in the areas of cross cultural-education, sustainable environment, animals rights, and social justice. | Palo Alto  | Social Justice                  |
| West County Winds                                   | <a href="https://www.westcountywinds.org/">https://www.westcountywinds.org/</a>                 | <a href="mailto:westcountywinds85@gmail.com">westcountywinds85@gmail.com</a>                                    | Promoting music appreciation, cultural enrichment, and entertainment through free public concerts in the community.                                                                         | San Pablo  | Music                           |

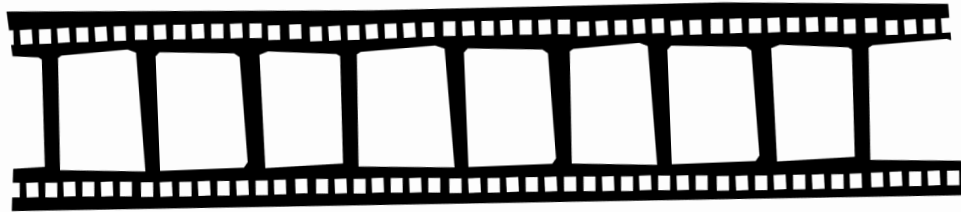
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| East Bay Community Foundation Inc.          | <a href="https://www.ebcf.org/">https://www.ebcf.org/</a>                   | <a href="mailto:info@eastbaycf.org">info@eastbaycf.org</a>                                                                                      | We partner with donors, social movements, and the community to eliminate structural barriers, advance racial equity, and transform political, social, and economic outcomes for all who call the East Bay home.                                                                                                                  | Oakland    | Social Justice  |
| Storytelling Association of Alta California | <a href="http://www.storysaac.org/">http://www.storysaac.org/</a>           | <a href="mailto:saarmst@telis.org">saarmst@telis.org</a>                                                                                        | To promote Storytelling as a living art. Grow and nurture small storytelling groups; create opportunities for communities to hear storytellers from many cultures; disseminate information about traditional and contemporary storytelling; and cultivate storytelling opportunities through networking, training and education. | El Cerrito | Storytelling    |
| Center for Enamel Art                       | <a href="https://enamelcenter.org/">https://enamelcenter.org/</a>           | <a href="https://enamelcenter.org/contact/">https://enamelcenter.org/contact/</a>                                                               | Our goal is to foster community, among enamel artists and art-lovers alike, to preserve and promote the art of enameling.                                                                                                                                                                                                        | El Cerrito | Art             |
| WePerform Org                               | <a href="https://www.weperform.org/">https://www.weperform.org/</a>         | <a href="https://www.vrweplay.com/contact-us">https://www.vrweplay.com/contact-us</a>                                                           | WePerform Org helps individuals of all ages to raise their self-confidence through Performance Art which includes developing skills in the area of Arts, STEM and Physical Education.                                                                                                                                            | El Cerrito | Music, Sports   |
| Contra Costa Civic Theatre                  | <a href="https://www.ccct.org/">https://www.ccct.org/</a>                   | <a href="mailto:CCCT@CCCT.org">CCCT@CCCT.org</a>                                                                                                | CCCT is committed to enriching El Cerrito and beyond by presenting high-quality, accessible theatrical productions that reflect our diverse cultural community                                                                                                                                                                   | El Cerrito | Theater         |
| The Crucible                                | <a href="https://www.thecrucible.org/">https://www.thecrucible.org/</a>     | <a href="https://www.thecrucible.org/contact-hours-location/#contact-form">https://www.thecrucible.org/contact-hours-location/#contact-form</a> | The Crucible inspires creative exploration and expression through welcoming, hands-on arts education and experiences for people of diverse ages and backgrounds.                                                                                                                                                                 | Oakland    | Industrial Arts |
| Rock Paper Scissors Collective              | <a href="https://www.rpscollective.org/">https://www.rpscollective.org/</a> | <a href="https://www.rpscollective.org/contact">https://www.rpscollective.org/contact</a>                                                       | Our programs allow people of all ages, skill levels, and abilities to access new modes of self expression, meet people, and build creative networks.                                                                                                                                                                             | Oakland    | Art             |
| El Cerrito Art Association                  | <a href="https://elcerritoart.org/">https://elcerritoart.org/</a>           | <a href="mailto:ecartassociation@gmail.com">ecartassociation@gmail.com</a>                                                                      | The El Cerrito Art Association is a non-profit organization, co-sponsored by the City of El Cerrito, that supports artists with our programs and activities.                                                                                                                                                                     | El Cerrito | Art             |
| Rialto Cinemas                              | <a href="https://rialtocinemas.com/">https://rialtocinemas.com/</a>         | <a href="mailto:cerrito@rialtocinemas.com">cerrito@rialtocinemas.com</a>                                                                        | Here at Rialto Cinemas Cerrito we feature a great mix of first run films as well as a mix of independent, foreign and classic films.                                                                                                                                                                                             | El Cerrito | Film            |
| WorldOne Radio + Festival                   | <a href="https://worldoneradio.org/">https://worldoneradio.org/</a>         | <a href="mailto:CMASON@WCCUSD.NET">CMASON@WCCUSD.NET</a>                                                                                        | worldOneradio + festival presents a broad cultural palette of eclectic and earthnic musics, dance, ideation, and dialogue in various venues from classrooms to community festivals.                                                                                                                                              | El Cerrito | Festival        |



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| East Bay Center for the Performing Arts | <a href="https://eastbaycenter.org/">https://eastbaycenter.org/</a> | <a href="mailto:info@eastbaycenter.org">info@eastbaycenter.org</a> | East Bay Center for the Performing Arts engages youth and young adults in imagining and creating new worlds for themselves and new visions for their communities through the inspiration and discipline of rigorous training in world performance traditions. | Richmond | Performing Arts |
| RYSE                                    | <a href="https://rysecenter.org/">https://rysecenter.org/</a>       | <a href="mailto:info@rysecenter.org">info@rysecenter.org</a>       | RYSE creates safe spaces grounded in social justice that build youth power for young people to love, learn, educate, heal and transform lives and communities.                                                                                                | Richmond | Social Justice  |

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