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## AGENDA

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

**Monday, June 23, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**

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

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

1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Renée LeVesque; Vice Chair: Ruth Cazden;  
Members: Courtney Helion, Kim Settles, and Juno Rabinovici (Youth Member)
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. **ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM DATABASE**  
Hear a presentation from City Staff and provide input on the development of a Art in Public Places Program database that provides information on Public Art that has been installed and developer contributions that have been received by the City in relation to the Art in Public Places Program established in 2005.  
(Attachment)
5. **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:
  - 4th of July / ACC Tabling
  - October Arts Month
    - 10/19 - El Cerrito Free Folk Festival
    - City Hall Gallery Show and Reception

**6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Consider approval of the minutes of the May 29, 2025, meeting. (Attachment)

**7. UPCOMING ACC-AFFILIATED EVENTS**

Review and discuss upcoming events and programs supported by the Arts & Culture Commission, including:

- City Hall Gallery Shows
  - Ruby Ramirez – June 2 - August 14, 2025
    - Gallery Reception July 25, 5 p.m.
  - Susan Harris – August 25 – September 30, 2025
  - Mindy Berardini – October 1 - November 4, 2025
  - ECCRU Artists – November 10 – January 22, 2025
  - Keana Dollar-Dickerson – March 24 – April 30, 2026
  - Gail Morrison – May 11 – July 10, 2026
  - Fairmont School 3rd Grade Students - TBD
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Performances at worldOne Festival – July 4, 2025
- October Arts Month
- El Cerrito Free Folk Festival – October 19, 2025

**8. UPCOMING ITEMS**

- **Next Meeting August 25, 2025**
- October Arts Month Planning (August/September)
- El Cerrito Creative ReUse Residency Presentation + CFA (August 2025)
- Poet Laureate Presentation (September) + CFA (November 2025)

**9. 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).



**DRAFT – ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM DATABASE - PUBLIC ART INSTALLED AND DEVELOPER CONTRIBUTIONS RECEIVED IN RELATION TO THE CITY’S “1% FOR PUBLIC ART” REQUIREMENTS (EL CERRITO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 13.50)**

Year Built	Address	Project Name	Amount Paid	Art Contribution	Art Description	Picture of Art (if applicable) *Coming Soon*
2008	10890 San Pablo Ave	El Cerrito City Hall	N/A	Yes	Gallery Space	
2012	11450 San Pablo Ave.	El Cerrito Safeway	\$48,000	N/A		
2013	7501 Schmidt Lane	El Cerrito Recycling Center	\$24,000	N/A		
2016	11545 San Pablo Ave	Ross Dress for Less	\$9,000	N/A		
2017	10530-10532 San Pablo Ave	10530 San Pablo Mixed-Use Building	\$5,600	N/A		
2017	10636 San Pablo Ave	Moeser Lane Shopping Center	\$18,640	N/A		
2018	512 El Cerrito Plaza	Metro 510	\$150,000	N/A	Sculptural Element Above Entryway	
2021	10963 San Pablo Ave	Cerrito Vista	N/A	Yes	Art in Public Plaza	
2021	10300 San Pablo Ave	Credence	N/A	Yes		
2022	5805 Avila Street	Village 29	\$23,370	N/A	Reflective Façade on East Side of Building	
2023	11600 San Pablo Ave	Mayfair Market-rate	N/A	Yes	Art at Entrance on Lexington	
2023	601 Lexington Ave.	601 Lexington Ave.	N/A	Yes	Artwork Along Fence	
2024	729 Kearney St.	Little Lamb Bilingual Preschool	N/A	Yes		
2025	1715 Elm Street	1715 Elm Street	\$32,411	N/A	Mural along West Side of Building	
2025	1711 Eastshore Blvd.	Security Public Storage	N/A	Yes (Voluntary)		
		Additional Developer Contributions	\$11,591	N/A		
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$322,613</b>			

Note: This draft table is based on the City’s review of past projects as of June 23, 2025. Numbers are subject to change.



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## **DRAFT MINUTES**

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

**Thursday, May 29, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**

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

**(6:00 p.m) CONVENE REGULAR MEETING** Chair Renée LeVesque called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

- 1. ROLL CALL – Present:** Chair Renée LeVesque, Vice Chair Ruth Cazden  
Members: Courtney Helion, Kim Settles, and Juno Rabinovici (Youth Member)  
**Absent:** None.
- 2. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**  
Staff Liaison Provost highlighted and invited Commissioners to attend three upcoming City events, including a Pride Celebration and Flag-Raising Ceremony on June 2, a Loving Day Film Screening on June 12, and the Advisory Body Recognition Dinner on June 11.
- 3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**  
Buddy Akacic presented a quilt made from materials provided by a previous ACC Commissioner.
- 4. EL CERRITO FREE FOLK FESTIVAL MINI GRANT REQUEST**  
The ACC received a presentation from Bob Helliesen and considered a Mini Grant Application to provide funding in an amount of \$1,200 to support the 2025 El Cerrito Free Folk Festival.

**Moved/Seconded:** Member Helion/Vice Chair Cazden **Action:** Motion to approve request for support for the 2025 El Cerrito Free Folk Festival, totaling \$1,200. **Ayes:** Chair LeVesque; Vice Chair Cazden; Members Helion, Settles. **Noes:** None. Motion approved. Youth Member Rabinovici expressed support for the action.

**5. ACC/PUBLIC ART FUND BUDGET UPDATE**

Staff Liaison Provost provided a presentation on the Public Art Fund and the ACC's anticipated expenses in Fiscal Year 2024-2025, noting that the estimated ending fund balance for the Public Art Fund on June 30, 2025 will be \$108,334 with Fiscal Year 2024-25 expenses estimated to total \$38,995. Commissioners discussed how the current fund balance and anticipated revenues and expenses in future years may impact decisionmaking and ACC programming in the future.

**6. ACC WORKPLAN**

The Arts & Culture Commission reviewed and discussed the Draft Work Plan and Accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 – 2026/2027.

**Moved/Seconded:** Vice Chair Cazden/Member Settles **Action:** Motion to approve the Arts & Culture Commission's Biennial Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 – 2026/2027 **Ayes:** Chair LeVesque; Vice Chair Cazden; Members Helion, Settles. **Noes:** None. Motion approved. Youth Member Rabinovici expressed support for the action.

**7. UTILITY BOX PUBLIC ART PROGRAM DISCUSSION**

Staff Liaison Provost provided an update on the Utility Box Public Art Program and discussed potential options for the locations to include as well as the timing for the next round of installations. Due to the fact that the three unpainted utility boxes controlled by the City all lie along Richmond St., general direction was provided to time the painting of one, two, or three of those boxes to occur immediately following the completion of the Richmond St. Complete Street Improvement Project, planned for completion in 2026.

Resident Buddy Akacic provided public comments updating the Commission on landscaping improvements that are being undertaken by volunteers in coordination with the City in front of the El Cerrito Community Center.

**8. ACC CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Commissioners heard updates, participated in discussion, and considered possible action items regarding planning, logistics, and expenditures for the ACC calendar of events, including:

- 4th of July / ACC Tabling – A decision was made to host a table adjacent to the ECCRU Artists in Residence, supporting a community art activity while providing outreach to residents about the ACC and related programs. Chalk that was previously purchased by the Public Art Fund will also be provided to support the ECCRU Artist's booth at the event.
- October Arts Month – ACC Members discussed next steps to identify and confirm a calendar of events to promote during October Arts Month.

**9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Consider approval of the minutes of the March 24, 2025, meeting.

**Moved/Seconded:** Member Helion/Member Settles **Action:** Motion to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2025 meeting **Ayes:** Chair LeVesque; Vice Chair Cazden; Members Helion, Settles. **Noes:** None. Motion approved. Youth Member Rabinovici expressed support for the action.

## 10. **UPCOMING ACC-AFFILIATED EVENTS**

The ACC reviewed and discussed upcoming events and programs supported by the Arts & Culture Commission, including:

- Summer Kick-Off Event and Makers Faire – June 7, 11-3, City Hall
- City Hall Gallery Shows
  - Ruby Ramirez – June 2 - August 14, 2025
    - Gallery Reception July 25, 5 p.m.
  - Susan Harris – August - September 2025
  - Mindy Berardini – October - December 2025
  - Keana Dollar-Dickerson – March - April 2026
  - Gail Morrison – May - June 2026
  - Fairmont School 3rd Grade Students - TBD
- 4<sup>th</sup> of July Performances at worldOne Festival – July 4, 2025
- October Arts Month

## 11. **UPCOMING ITEMS**

- October Arts Month Planning (August/September)
- Poet Laureate Presentation (September) + CFA (Fall 2025)
- Public Art Fund Database
- Community Center Mural CFA
- El Cerrito Creative ReUse Artist Residency CFA (Winter 2025)

Commissioner Rabinovici spoke about an upcoming music event being planned by the Contra Costa Civic Theatre and potential partnership or support from the ACC.

## 12. **ADJOURNMENT** The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

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Renée LeVesque, 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 29, 2025, as approved by the Arts and Culture Commission.

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Will Provost, Staff Liaison