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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

DATE & TIME: THURSDAY OCTOBER 8, 2009 – 6:30 P.M.  
LOCATION: PACIFIC GROVE COMMUNITY CENTER  
515 JUNIPERO AVENUE, PACIFIC GROVE CA 93950

**REVISED MEETING AGENDA:**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll call:  
Commissioners: Jacque Colbert, Laura Emerson, Susie Joyce, Marge Ann Jamison  
Head Librarian: Lisa Maddalena
3. Approval of Minutes
  - 3A. Minutes of the September 10 2009 Regular Meeting  
**Recommended Action: Approve minutes as presented.**
  - 3B. Minutes of the September 24, 2009 Special Meeting  
**Recommended Action: Approve minutes as presented.**
4. Commissioners Reports  
The commissioners will report on any activities they are involved in as representatives of the City's Cultural Arts Commission.
5. Oral Communications  
(Comments from the audience will not receive committee action at this meeting unless relative to an agenda item. Comments may concern matters either on or not on the agenda, but must deal with matters subject to the jurisdiction of the Housing Committee. Comments will be limited to three minutes.)
6. Business
  - 6.A **DISCUSS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION ON THE OPTION OF OFFERING RESIDENCE AT THE POET'S PERCH AS PART OF A LIBRARY EMPLOYEE'S COMPENSATION PACKAGE.**  
**Reference:** Laura Emerson, Chair  
**Recommended Action:** Commission will discuss the scenario of having a Pacific Grove Library employee being recruited to take on a role that would satisfy the requirements of the Lathan-Lechich Will, while also performing library functions.
7. Adjournment  
  
Next meeting: TBA

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**From:** Esther Trosow [mailto:etrosow@93950.com]

**Sent:** Friday, September 11, 2009 11:47 AM

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**Subject:** poet's perch

Greetings:

In regards to item 5B1, perhaps there is some way that the poet's perch could be used in a totally different way than previously tried. While the poet-in-residence program certainly has merits, and the proposed changes in the rental agreement make sense in that scenario, perhaps the recently declared financial emergency that has prompted the library ballot measure offers an opportune time to use this City asset to aid the library.

Since the subject has been broached to remove this property from the affordable housing element, the time is ripe for new ideas.

Since the provisions of the Whitney Latham-Lechich Trust will do not specifically require the poet-in-residence scenario, perhaps a library staff member (either someone new or someone currently employed by the City) could be recruited to take on a role that would satisfy the will's requirements, while also performing library functions -- perhaps a staff member who spends a certain percentage of his/her time on public outreach that includes poetry -- whether that be readings, additions to the library's poetry holdings, or other poetry-related events or creative endeavors.

If there were some way of making residence in the cottage a part of the employee's compensation package, this might be a great way of generating sorely needed staff time at the library while utilizing a city resource in an innovative way.

Such an out-of-the-box approach might be appreciated by voters, who will soon be asked to pay for a major portion (maybe even all) of the library's operating funds.

It might be worth the Cultural Arts Commission, Library Board, and the Friends of the Library Board's consideration.

Cheers,  
Esther Trosow