

**CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE  
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**MINUTES**

January 8, 2009  
Community Center  
515 Junipero Avenue, Pacific Grove

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Laura Emerson (Chair), Robert Lewis, Jacque Colbert, Susie Joyce

Absent: Steve Thomas

Vacancy None

Staff: Housing Planner Julie Uretsky

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

3A. On a motion by Lewis/Colbert (Joyce abstaining) the commission voted 3-0 to **approve the minutes of the July 10, 2008 Regular Meeting**

3B. On a motion by Lewis/Colbert (Joyce abstaining) the commission voted 3-0 to **approve the minutes of the September 11, 2008 Special Meeting**

3C. On a motion by Lewis/Colbert (Joyce abstaining) the commission voted 3-0 to **approve the minutes of the October 6, 2008 Special Meeting**

**4. COMMISSIONERS REPORTS**

Joyce reported that the Foundation for the Performing Arts is waiting for construction work on the Performing Arts Center to be closer to completion before proceeding.

**5. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

*There were no oral communications.*

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

**6.A ELECTION OF NEW CHAIRPERSON.**

Lewis nominated Thompson as chair. Due to Thompson's absence, the election was postponed to the next meeting.

**6.B REVIEW PROGRESS OF REMODEL WORK TO POET PERCH.**

Uretsky reported. She updated the commission on the City Council actions that have transpired to begin the rehabilitation on the Poet's Perch at 140 – 18<sup>th</sup> Street, including plan check, building permits, proposals, and bids. The work is scheduled to be completed in late June 2009.

6.C **REVIEW MISSION AND VISION OF CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION.**

Emerson reported. The commission could benefit from an updated, comprehensive mission statement that would reinforce its current vision. Following discussion, it was agreed that each commissioner would write a one or two sentence mission statement to present at the next meeting. The discussion will continue at the next meeting

6.D **REVIEW SUCCESS OF POET-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM.**

Emerson reported. She reviewed the programs offered by the previous Poets-in Residence and commissioners discussed ways to enhance the program that would bring more recognition. The discussion will continue at the next meeting.

6.E **DISCUSS PACIFIC GROVE CULTURAL FESTIVAL.**

*This item was postponed, pending the outcome of the review of the Poet-in-Residence Program.*

7. New Business

Emerson reported. The Chamber of Commerce has offered the use of Chautauqua Hall during the PG Good Old Days, April 4 and 5. Following discussion, Emerson was going to contact the PGUSD principals to see if they were interested in participating in a student literary festival and give her report at the next meeting.

8. Adjourned 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laura Emerson  
Acting Recording Secretary

Next meeting: February 12, 2009