

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

**February 12, 2009
Pacific Grove 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), Jacque Colbert, Susie Joyce, Robert Lewis, Neil Whitman

Absent: none

Staff: Rehabilitation Inspector Michael Groshong

3. Membership

The Chair reported that Steve Thomas had elected not to reapply to the commission following one year of service. Neal Whitman's application was approved by the City Council on Feb 4. Commissioners welcomed Whitman.

4. Approval of Minutes

4.A On a motion by Colbert/Joyce the commission voted 5-0 to **approve the minutes of the January 8, 2009 Regular Meeting**

4.B On a motion by Colbert/Joyce the commission voted 5-0 to **approve the minutes of the January 23, 2009 Special Meeting**

5. Commissioners Reports

Lewis reported that he is now writing an arts column for The Cedar Street Times which recently included an article on the upcoming renovations to the Poet's Perch.

6. Oral Communications

None

7. Old Business

7.A ELECTION OF NEW CHAIRPERSON IN COMPLIANCE WITH MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 3.28.060.

On a motion by Colbert/Joyce the commission voted 4-0-1 (Emerson abstaining) to **elect Laura Emerson Chair for the term of one year.**

7.B REVIEW PROGRESS OF REMODEL WORK TO POET PERCH.

Rehabilitation Inspector Michael Groshong reported that 22 contractors' representatives came to the open house in preparation of bidding on the job. Bids are due by March 2nd at noon. It was noted by contractors during the open house that the best way to access under the house to install a foundation was to remove the existing carpet and go through the floor. This would then allow for new flooring in some of the rooms, an idea that was previously considered unavailable. A staff report will be given to Council at the last meeting in March. Commissioners are encouraged to attend that meeting.

- 7.C **REVIEW MISSION AND VISION OF CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION.**
Commissioners identified a mission statement that reflects the City’s current cultural artistic interests. This item will return for a recommendation at the next regular meeting.
- 7.D **REVIEW SUCCESS OF POET-IN-RESIDENCE PROGRAM.**
Commissioners discussed the possible ways for using the “Poet’s Perch” that best align with the requests of the Latham-Lechich Will. No action was taken; the discussion will continue at the next regular meeting.
- 7.E **DISCUSS CULTURAL ARTS PROGRAM FOR GOOD OL’ DAYS.**
Commissioners discussed creating a literary program in Chautauqua Hall for Saturday and/or Sunday April 4 and 5. Emerson is to survey the PG schools for interest in a student literary festival.

8. **New Business**

- 8.A **APPOINT SUBCOMMITTEE TO ASSIST IN REMODEL OF POET’S PERCH.**
Groshong asked for assistance from the commission in the selection of materials and colors for the new bathroom and remodeled bathroom. The Chair appointed Joyce and Colbert to serve as a subcommittee on this project.
- 8.B **CONCERTS IN THE PARK**
Emerson reported that she was contacted by City Council member Carmelita Garcia about bringing back Concerts in the Park. She is meeting with Garcia later in the week and will present her report at the next meeting.

9. **Adjourned** 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Emerson
Acting Recording Secretary