

**CITY OF SONOMA  
CULTURAL & FINE ARTS COMMISSION**

**January 24, 2013  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order** – Chair Simmel called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Present: Carlsson, Cravens, Kuhry, Ontko, Personette, Ransom, Simmel

Absent: Sheridan

Also Present: City Clerk Johann

**Public Communications** – None.

**Minutes of the December 6, 2012 Meeting** – A couple of minor corrections were made and the minutes were approved as corrected by unanimous consensus.

**Student Creative Arts Award Program** – City Clerk Johann reported that twelve entries had been received. She presented each Commissioner with a binder containing copies of the applications, essays and creative writing entries. Commissioners decided to conduct the student interviews on February 19 and 23<sup>rd</sup>. Chair Simmel stated he would secure use of the Community Center or the Congregational Church for the interviews and auditions. He noted that Commissioner Sheridan had offered to contact the students and establish the interview schedule online.

**Online Artist Directory** – Commissioner Carlsson stated that she spoke with someone at the Visitor Bureau about the possibility of them maintaining an artist database and inclusion of some information about the arts in Sonoma in their marketing materials. As a follow-up, Carlsson stated she would talk to Bill Blum about the possibility of the Tourism Improvement District providing some funding for the project.

**Screening of Treasure Artist Videos at the Film Festival** – Commissioner Carlsson stated she spoke to Kevin McNeely about this and he reviewed some of the videos. She said he was concerned about the quality of the videos but hadn't ruled it out completely. They also discussed the possibility of having the Treasure Artist introduce a film.

**Commissioner Remarks** – None.

**Future Agenda Items** – 1) Selection of Student Award Recipient; 2) Update regarding online Artist Directory; 3) Update regarding involvement with the Film Festival.

**Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Gay Johann  
City Clerk