

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

**March 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, Simmel

Absent: Ransom, Sheridan

Also Present: City Clerk Johann

Public Communications – Chair Simmel announced that correspondence from Sonoma Valley High School had been received inviting the Commission to present its Creative Arts Award at the Senior Awards Ceremony in May. Discussion ensued and Commissioners reached unanimous concurrence that they did not want to participate in the awards ceremony. City Clerk Johann stated that she would respond to the school accordingly. It was noted that the award would be presented at the April 1 City Council meeting.

Minutes of the February 28, 2013 Meeting – A couple of minor corrections were made and the minutes were approved by unanimous consensus.

Online Artist Directory – Commissioner Carlsson reported that she spoke with Bill Blum about possible funding from the Tourist Improvement District but the project did not fall within their criteria for funding. She also reported that the Napa Arts Council was working on a directory and suggested that perhaps the online directory could become a Senior Project. Commissioner Kuhry stated that there were other local groups that could be approached for funding and/or participation. Commissioner Personette reported that the Marin Arts group was reorganizing and their website was not available at the moment. Commissioner Cravens reported that Petaluma had a terrific directory and she presented information regarding their organization and website. Chair Simmel stated he would visit them to learn more.

Film Festival Update – Commissioner Carlsson stated she spoke to Kevin McNeely about this again. He was open to having a Commissioner introduce a short film at the Festival. It was a possibility of having one of the Treasure Artist films presented at a monthly film series event.

Commissioner Remarks – None.

Future Agenda Items – 1) Update regarding online Artist Directory; 3) Update regarding possibility of showing a Treasure Artist film as part of the Film Festival monthly film series.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gay Johann
City Clerk