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LIBRARY, CULTURE AND ARTS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING

February 3, 2012

9:30 A.M.

AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA
Per Government Code 54954.2

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT

Members of the public are entitled to address the Library, Culture, & Arts Commission concerning any item within the Commission's subject matter jurisdiction. Public comments are limited to no more than three minutes. Except for certain specific exceptions, the Library, Culture & Arts Commission is prohibited from discussing or taking action on any item not appearing on the posted agenda. (See additional noticing at the end of this agenda)

BUSINESS

1. **GALLERY MORGAN HILL**
   Recommended Action: Review and approve LCAC recommendation to City Council regarding possibility of space available to Gallery Morgan Hill, a local arts consortium.

FUTURE COMMISSION INITIATED AGENDA ITEMS:

Note: in accordance with Government Code Section 54954.2(a), there shall be no discussion, debate and/or action taken on any request other than providing direction to staff to place the matter of business on a future agenda.

ADJOURNMENT to the next monthly meeting at **7:00 p.m.** on **March 13, 2012**, Morgan Hill Library, 660 West Main Avenue, Morgan Hill.

NOTICE

All public records relating to an open session item on this agenda, which are not exempt from disclosure pursuant to the California Public Records Act that are distributed to a majority of the legislative body less than 72 hours prior to an open session, will be made available for public inspection at the Office of the City Clerk at Morgan Hill City Hall located at 17575 Peak Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA, 95037 at the same time that the public records are distributed or made available to the legislative body. (Pursuant to Government Code 54957.5)

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS *NOT* APPEARING ON AGENDA

Following the opening of the Meeting, the public may present comments on items *NOT* appearing on the agenda that are within the Commission's jurisdiction. Should your comments require Commission action, your request will be placed on the next appropriate agenda. No discussion or action may be taken until your item appears on a future agenda. You may contact the Clerk for specific time and dates. This procedure is in compliance with the California Public Meeting Law (Brown Act) G.C. 54950.5. Please limit your presentation to three (3) minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS APPEARING ON AGENDA

The Library, Culture & Arts Commission welcomes comments from all individuals on any agenda item being considered by the Commission. Please complete a Speaker Card and present it to the Clerk. This will assist the Members in hearing your comments at the appropriate time. Speaker cards are available from staff. In accordance with Government Code 54953.3 it is not a requirement to fill out a speaker card in order to speak to the Commission. However, it is very helpful to the Commission if speaker cards are submitted. As your name is called, please walk to the podium and speak directly into the microphone. Clearly state your name and address and then proceed to comment on the agenda item. In the interest of brevity and timeliness and to ensure the participation of all those desiring an opportunity to speak, comments presented to the Commission are limited to three minutes. We appreciate your cooperation.

NOTICE
AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT (ADA)

The City of Morgan Hill complies with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) and will provide reasonable accommodation to individuals with disabilities to ensure equal access to all facilities, programs and services offered by the City. If you need special assistance to access the meeting room or to otherwise participate at this meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 17575 Peak Avenue or call 779-7259 or (Hearing Impaired only - TDD 776-7381) to request accommodation. Please make your request at least 48 hours prior to the meeting to enable staff to implement reasonable arrangements to assure accessibility to the meeting.

If assistance is needed regarding any item appearing on the agenda, please contact the Office of the City Clerk at City Hall, 17575 Peak Avenue or call 779-7259 or (Hearing Impaired only - TDD 776-7381) to request accommodation.

NOTICE

Notice is given, pursuant to Government Code Section 65009, that any challenge of Public Hearing Agenda items in court, may be limited to raising only those issues raised by you or on your behalf at the Public Hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Commission at, or prior to the Public Hearing on these matters.

NOTICE

The time within which judicial review must be sought of the action by the Commission which acted upon any matter appearing on this agenda is governed by the provisions of Section 1094.6 of the California Code of Civil Procedure.

Item #1

Dear Mayor Tate and Morgan Hill City Council:

The Library, Culture, and Arts Commission (LCAC) has been approached by Gallery Morgan Hill, a local artists' organization, regarding opening an art gallery and visual arts center in Morgan Hill's downtown area. The purpose of our recommendation is to express LCAC's strong support for such an opportunity. It is the LCAC's request that the City consider supporting Gallery Morgan Hill as it works to secure appropriate, available, community space, preferably space with below market value rental terms.

It is LCAC's view that a cooperative art gallery located in downtown can enhance the civic status of Morgan Hill and that enhancement offsets a reduction in space rent granted to the Gallery Morgan Hill. Please see the attached component of a Princeton University study that lends support to the belief of art's positive impact on a community.

Gallery Morgan Hill's business plan calls for not only showing of local artist's work, but also classes, visiting artists, workshops, events, student exhibitions and other cultural activities to significantly enhance the cultural and artistic experience for Morgan Hill residents and visitors. The group's hours of operation would be consistent with other events and activities within downtown to greatly enhance the event and/or experience for the general public.

Gallery Morgan Hill consists of artists who already hold a long term commitment with LCAC, Morgan Hill's artistic culture, the requirements of supporting community growth whenever possible. The group also includes many members of the Valle del Sur Artist Guild, a group that has shown a significant commitment to art, culture, and civic pride in and around Morgan Hill.

Lack of City support would severely limit Gallery Morgan Hill's efforts and, ultimately opportunities available to the public.

The Library Culture and Arts Commission respectfully request your consideration.

Sincerely,

Amy Whelan
Library, Culture and Arts Commission

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