



ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

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UPDATES ON PROGRAMMING AND PROJECTS

- **Arts Grants**

- A new Arts Grant Guidelines document has been drafted, along with a new arts grant agreement. Currently the legal team is reviewing these items. Once approved, these two documents will be presented to the Arts Commission for review.

[Arts & Culture Master Plan (ACMP): Goal 1. Action 2.1]

- **Arts Directory**

- The *Costa Mesa Arts Directory* is a free online listing of information originally created for Costa Mesa artists and organizations. This Directory has recently been expanded to include the entire Orange County arts community. The Directory serves as a resource to highlight the City of Arts and Orange County's ever growing population of local artists and arts organizations.
- In the future, there may be a need to create lists for specialized skills for specific public art projects and programs.

- **ARTventure**

- Staff is currently reviewing options for a venue for the 2023 event. Ideally, a venue will be able to accommodate the Juried Art Show for a longer period of time with more flexible options for artwork pickup and drop-off

- **Exhibit Spaces**

- Staff is in conversation with City Manager's office about a City Hall lobby renovation. The exhibit spaces on the first floor will be considered in these conversations; mainly for the *Youth Art Gallery* space and the conference room. A new sign commissioned by a local artist is being proposed, as well as a new temporary movable wall and new hanging system for the conference room.
- The fifth floor exhibit space known as *Art on the Fifth* is currently being reevaluated.
- *The Exhibit* space at the Senior Center will have a new exhibit beginning in January. Bonnie Matthews, the current artist on exhibit had to relocate last minute to the east coast and took down her artwork the middle of November.

(ACMP: 4.2.3)

- **Public Art & Utility Art Box Program**
 - Art in Public Places (public art policy) is currently being reviewed by City leadership. More on that later.
(ACMP: Goal 2.1 through 2.6)
- **Art Crawl Experience**
 - Staff is working on an Art Crawl experience for March of 2023 to celebrate Women's History month and honor local women artists. More soon.
(ACMP: 1.2.1)
- **Implement new Free Park Performances**
 - Pacific Symphony will be hosting two performances in June at City parks as part of their Symphony on the Go program.
(ACMP: 1.2.4)

To reference the *Arts & Culture Master Plan* (ACMP) goals, please visit this web link at <https://www.costamesaca.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/51156/637871664701430000>.