
THE COSTA MESA ARTS COMMISSION

MARCH 2, 2023
6:00 P.M. – UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER by Commissioner Ashendorf at 6:00 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Commissioner Derderian

ROLL CALL

= Present = Absent

Commissioners

- Charlene Ashendorf, Chair
- Fisher Derderian
- Erica Lucia
- Alisa Ochoa
- Allison Mann
- Debora Wondercheck, Vice Chair
- Heidi Zuckerman

City Staff

- Jason Minter, Parks & Community Services Director
- Ashley Thomas, Recreation Supervisor
- Laurette Garner, Arts Specialist
- Laura Fautua, Executive Assistant
- Kathia Viteri, Office Specialist I

PRESENTATION: 1. NEWPORT MESA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (NMUSD)

Tamara Fairbanks from NMUSD presented.

Chair Ashendorf asked Ms. Fairbanks about the school district senior art show.

Ms. Fairbanks informed it would be a one-day event and student artwork would be up for a week.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Commissioner Derderian: Commented that he is impressed at the impact that the Costa Mesa is having within the arts and its facilities. Thinks the City is holding up to its motto as the *City of the Arts*.

Commissioner Mann: Spoke about how art can impact a student's career path and highlighted the success it can provide if nurtured.

Commissioner Ashendorf: Thanked Ms. Fairbanks on her work as a Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA). Encouraged public to attend the Orange County Museum of Art (OCMA) and take advantage of free admission.

OLD BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

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MOTION/SECOND: Chair Ashendorf made a motion to approve the minutes with the amended section on page 6/Seconded by Vice Chair Wondercheck.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Derderian, Commissioner Mann, Commissioner Ochoa, Vice Chair Wondercheck, Chair Ashendorf

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Lucia, Commissioner Zuckerman

Motion Carried: 5-0

2. ARTS GRANT REVIEW OF GUIDELINES

Ms. Garner presented.

Commissioner Ochoa suggested to include more clarity on page 6 regarding artist logistics.

Commissioner Derderian identified the scoring rubric point adjustment on page 20.

[Motion was revisited after the Arts & Culture Report]

MOTION/SECOND: Chair Ashendorf motion to approve the changes that were recommended by the Commission/Seconded by Vice Chair Wondercheck.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Derderian, Commissioner Mann, Commissioner Ochoa, Vice Chair Wondercheck, Chair Ashendorf

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Lucia, Commissioner Zuckerman

Motion Carried: 5-0

NEW BUSINESS: None

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. ARTS & CULTURE STAFF REPORT

Ms. Garner presented.

Commissioner Mann expressed excitement for Art Crawl event.

Chair Ashendorf inquired about possible extension for art grants.

ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS

Vice Chair Wondercheck highlighted the Arts and Learning Conservatory upcoming production of Clue, High School Edition.

Commissioner Derderian asked how many spaces were in the Art Crawl event.

Commissioner Mann asked if there was an age limit.

ADJOURNMENT Chair Ashendorf at 6:36 P.M.

NEXT REGULAR ARTS COMMISSION MEETING: THURSDAY, April 6, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.