
THE COSTA MESA ARTS COMMISSION

OCTOBER 5, 2023
6:00 P.M. – UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Chair Ashendorf.

ROLL CALL

☒ = Present ☐ = Absent

Commissioners

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

City Staff

☒ Monique Villasenor, Recreation Manager
☒ Ashley Thomas, Sr. Recreation Supervisor
☒ Laurette Garner, Arts Specialist
☒ Laura Fautua, Executive Assistant

PRESENTATION:

1. ARTS GRANT PROGRAM AWARDEE: PACIFIC CHORALE

Pacific Chorale's Vice President, Director of Education and Community Programs, Molly Pontin presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - No in person or via Zoom comments.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Commissioner Mann: No comments.

Commissioner Lucia: No comments.

Vice Chair Wondercheck: Highlighted the Orange County Children's Book Festival that was held on October 1, 2023 at Orange Coast College.

Commissioner Zuckerman: No comments.

Commissioner Ochoa: Spoke about ARTventure and her experience as an art juror. Thanked staff for all their work to make the event happen. Would love hear from exhibiting artists and get feedback from the event.

Commissioner Derderian: No comments.

Chair Ashendorf: Thanked artists who presented at the last Commission meeting, highlighted staff for doing a Hispanic Cultural event, and putting together an all abilities Wicked Dance. Spoke about the OC Fairgrounds heroes' halls event, that will be presenting a Jewish American Medal of Honor recognizing recipients and a former Holocaust survivors.

OLD BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

09/07/2023 Arts Commission Draft Minutes

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Zuckerman made a motion to approve the September 7, 2023 minutes /Seconded by Commissioner Mann.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MURALS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY REVIEW

Ms. Laurette Garner, Arts Specialist, presented.

Commissioner Derderian thanked staff for bringing the item forward to the Commission. Inquired who the panel of five (5) or seven (7) would entail. provided input to page two (2) and three (3) of the draft document.

Commissioner Ochoa agreed with Commissioner Derderian's comments.

Commissioner Zuckerman explained her views on public art and explained how different criteria should be established based on the location of public art. Suggested the criteria selection should provide enough guidance to the City and open enough where the final art product is not watered down. Commented on wanting to see definitions in the review process to help bring out the objectives.

Chair Ashendorf agreed with identifying and clarifying descriptions that will help everyone in the process. Inquired about artists amounts.

Staff mentioned the amounts were a clerical error and meant to be left out as the artist monetary amounts will vary depending on the project.

Commissioner Zuckerman mentioned the City will get much better quality submissions when artists get paid for their time, so it should be seen as a really great early investment in in the project.

Chair Ashendorf would like to also ensure there is a conservation survey and maintenance plan to ensure the piece are taken care of and transparency for all.

Commissioner Lucia agreed with Commissioner Zuckerman's definition request and inquired to staff about the selection process for the panel. Commmissioner would also like to see clarification on the selection process and the preliminary procedures.

Public Comment: No in person or via Zoom comments.

MOTION/SECOND: Chair Ashendorf made a recommendation to incorporate the comments made by the Commission / Seconded by Commissioner Lucia.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 7-0

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. ARTS & CULTURE STAFF REPORT

Ms. Laurette Garner, Arts Specialist, presented.

Commissioner Zuckerman inquired if we are capturing emails.

Chair Ashendorf requested staff clarification on pre-registration for ARTventure.

Commissioners thanked Ms. Garner with all her accomplishments.

ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Zuckerman highlighted Orange County Museum of Art's upcoming celebration events for their first-year anniversary in Costa Mesa.

ADJOURNMENT Chair Ashendorf adjourned at 6:53 P.M.

NEXT REGULAR ARTS COMMISSION MEETING: Thursday, February 1, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.