



Agenda Report

Arts Commission

Item #: 24-411

Meeting Date: 11/7/2024

TITLE: ARTS SPECIALIST REPORT
DEPARTMENT: PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
PRESENTED BY: LAURETTE GARNER, ARTS SPECIALIST
CONTACT INFORMATION: LAURETTE GARNER, ARTS SPECIALIST, (714) 754-5322

UPDATES:

❖ Art Crawl

The Art Crawl Experience on October 12th was well received by participants. We had 22 people shuttle to three locations: South Coast Plaza, Sean Woolsey Studio and ARTime Barro. Participants learned about the history of the Jewel Dome in South Coast Plaza and also about how the building came to be known as a luxury retail destination. Sean Woolsey hosted the group and talked about how he started his business and provided details about the items his team create: pool tables, shuffleboard tables, ping pong tables and chairs. He also gave a tour of his studio space. At ARTime Barro, participants learned how to make a bowl using the hand building technique and Nicole, the owner, also explained the glazing process and how often clay needs to be fired to harden correctly. Bowls are currently being glazed and almost ready for pickup.

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

❖ Poet Laureate Program

The application has now closed for the Poet Laureate program application. We have four (4) new applicants. I will be contacting the previous review panel to assemble again, review the new applications and conduct interviews in the next few weeks. The goal is to have a new Poet Laureate selected to present to the Arts Commission in January/February of 2025. Once approved, staff will work with the selected Poet Laureate to create a scope of work for the following year.

(Arts & Culture Master Plan: Goal 3. Action 1.4)

❖ Utility Box Art Program

The utility box art program application is now open and available online. We currently have eight (8) applications. The application will close on December 31, 2024. This year, staff will be forming a review panel that will include one (1) to two (2) Arts Commissioners to review all the applications and select fourteen (14) new designs to present to the Arts Commission for final approval. This year, we will be removing nine (9) older vinyl wraps and replacing them with new designs. New designs will be placed from February to July of 2025.

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