
THE COSTA MESA ARTS COMMISSION

APRIL 6, 2023
6:00 P.M. – UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER by Commissioner Zuckerman at 6:01 P.M.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Commissioner Mann.

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

Commissioner Zuckerman chaired the meeting.

Vice Chair Wondercheck arrived at 6:30pm. (During the discussion of Art in Public Places Review.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kate Ryan: Resident and working artist of Costa Mesa expressed pleasure in taking part of the recent Art Crawl experience. She shared that the event was very well organized by staff and looks forward to seeing the city plans to develop its infrastructure for the arts and the art crawl experience.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Commissioner Mann: Asked staff about future Art Crawls.

Commissioner Ochoa: After the passing of her mother, the Commissioner found solace in music, stories, and poems. Thanked staff for expressing sympathy and support.

Commissioner Zuckerman: Recited the poem *Yes! No!* by Mary Oliver.

OLD BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

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MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Ochoa made a motion to approve the March 2, 2023 minutes /Seconded by Commissioner Mann.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Lucia, Commissioner Mann, Commissioner Ochoa, Commissioner Zuckerman

Nays: None

Absent: Chair Ashendorf, Vice Chair Wondercheck, Commissioner Derderian

Motion Carried: 4-0

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ART IN PUBLIC PLACES REVIEW

Ms. Garner presented.

Pat Gomez, Patrick Bryan, and Rick Stein from Arts Orange County assisted with any questions the Commission had.

Commissioner Zuckerman had questions regarding the budget.

Commissioner Ochoa referenced page 52, and the definition of public art. Asked whether there was a possibility for ephemeral public art and art that cannot be embodied in a lasting material object that's participatory or immaterial.

Commissioner Zuckerman asked about six initiatives in order to discuss the framework with the Commission.

Vice Chair Wondercheck asked how many temporary structures would be received for the \$60,000 budget?

Commissioner Mann inquired about the cannabis tax.

Commissioner Lucia asked if there would be a priority to public art projects as there have been multiple inquiries from the public, including how to donate.

Commissioner Zuckerman asked that before the Commission starts to spend any money or invite proposals of either temporary or permanent works, she would like to see a collection strategy to help ensure the value of art and culture. Inquired if the Commission can do field trips to surrounding cities to see what other cities have implemented.

Commissioner Lucia loved the idea of field trips to other agencies. Inquired what else can the Commission do when exploring this or encouraging the City Council.

Commissioner Mann inquired if there would be a different criteria for small or large installation submissions.

Commissioner Zuckerman stated she thinks a conversation around criteria for setting the collection is something that would be wonderful and believes crowdsourcing prior to bringing it to the commission would be useful. Reminded the Commission a motion was needed as it is the recommendation of the staff that the Commission approve the art in public places report for inclusion in future programs and policies.

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Lucia made a motion to approve the art in public places report for inclusion in future programs/Seconded by Commissioner Ochoa.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Chair Ashendorf, Commissioner Derderian

Motion Carried: 5-0

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. ARTS & CULTURE STAFF REPORT

Ms. Garner presented.

Commissioner Zuckerman inquired about the grant amounts.

Commissioner Ochoa thanked staff on the report and asked about future grant cycles and whether a more robust messaging services could be implemented to help get the word out.

Commissioner Zuckerman asked for a report back at the next meeting about different strategies and some goal setting.

Commissioner Lucia asked if previous participants of the utility box or an artist distribution list would receive information about the grant program to encourage applicants.

Commissioner Wondercheck inquired about the art grant qualifications to ensure different performing art organizations have an opportunity to qualify. Asked if the release be open for two more weeks.

Commissioner Zuckerman asked if Commissioners may publicize the information on their social media accounts and tag Costa Mesa.

ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT Commissioner Zuckerman adjourned at 7:19 P.M.

NEXT REGULAR ARTS COMMISSION MEETING: Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.