
THE COSTA MESA ARTS COMMISSION

DECEMBER 7, 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. CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION: ELIZABETH MAY FELTMAN**
Recreation Manager, Monique Villasenor presented award.
- 2. ARTS GRANT PROGRAM AWARDEE: COSTA MESA HIGH SCHOOL BAND BOOSTERS**
Parent Booster member, Cynthia Lawrence, presented.
- 3. ARTS GRANT PROGRAM AWARDEE: WILD AND ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL**
Barbara Morihiro presented on behalf of the Wild and Scenic Environmental Film Festival Committee
- 4. NEWPORT MESA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT (NMUSD) REPORT**
Tamara Fairbanks from NMUSD presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Eileen Cirilo (Costa Mesa resident): Spoke as a volunteer about the Segerstrom Center for the Arts Education Department and wanted to let the Arts Commission know that they give tours of Segerstrom Hall, and the Renee and Henry Segerstrom Concert Hall, and within those tours, there is several public works of art that is talked about. Reservations can be made at online@scfta.org.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Commissioner Mann: Thanked the presenters and public commenters for the information they provided.

Vice Chair Wondercheck: Praised the collaborations within the surrounding schools, presenters and public commenter.

Commissioner Ochoa: Spoke about a conference she attended in Long Beach.

Commissioner Derderian: Happy to see the arts programs thriving in Newport Mesa School District and thanked Ms. Garner on the ARTventure Community day event.

Chair Ashendorf: Highlighted the first full year for the Arts Commission, and thanked staff and CMTV crew for the work they do. Gave an update of City Council recognizing South Coast Repertory 60th anniversary and the partnership we have to being the arts to our low income senior citizens and Soy students.

OLD BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

10/07/2023 Arts Commission Draft Minutes

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Wondercheck made a motion to approve the October 7, 2023 minutes /Seconded by Commissioner Ochoa.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

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

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Lucia, Vice Chair Wondercheck

2. MURALS ON PUBLIC PROPERTY REVIEW

Ms. Laurette Garner, Arts Specialist, presented.

Public Comment: None.

Discussion ensued with the Commission regarding the artist description in the draft proposal.

Commissioners recommended to include multiple descriptions regarding artist level depending on the level/category of the artist to differentiate the artist needs for the project or specify that information in the project.

Commission gave input to the draft document and item was moved to the February Arts Commission meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. PERMANENT PUBLIC ART ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

Ms. Laurette Garner, Arts Specialist, presented.

Chair Ashendorf inquired if Capital Improvement Projects would be reviewed at the Arts commission and stressed public participation is critical as it moves forward.

Public Commented: None.

Item moved to the February Arts Commission meeting.

2. ARTS GRANT PROGRAM – FISCAL YEAR 2022/2023 FINAL REPORT

Ms. Laurette Garner, Arts Specialist, presented.

Public Comment: None.

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. ARTS & CULTURE STAFF REPORT

Ms. Laurette Garner, Arts Specialist, presented.

Commissioners thanked City Staff for all the Fall art events.

Chair Ashendorf highlighted the new event date approach for ARTventure should alleviate the confusion for the gala and create an increase in attendance.

Vice Chair Wondercheck spoke about a Martin Luther King musical happening on January 13, *Music of the March*. Looking to bring a Black History Month type of day celebration event here to Costa Mesa with artists and vendors if it does not happen in February, the month of June is actually African American Music Month.

ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT Chair Ashendorf adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

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