
THE COSTA MESA ARTS COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 7, 2023
6:00 P.M. – UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Commissioner Lucia.

ROLL CALL

= Present = Absent

Commissioners	City Staff
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charlene Ashendorf, Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alma Reyes, Deputy City Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fisher Derderian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Monique Villasenor, Recreation Manager
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Erica Lucia	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashley Thomas, Sr. Recreation Supervisor
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Alisa Ochoa	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laurette Garner, Arts Specialist
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allison Mann	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Fautua, Executive Assistant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Debora Wondercheck, Vice Chair	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kathia Viteri, Office Specialist II
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heidi Zuckerman	

Chair Ashendorf welcomed Deputy City Manager to the Arts Commission.

PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Commissioner Derderian: No comments.

Commissioner Ochoa: Spoke about her recent art experience at Orange County Museum of Art (OCMA) and highlighted consolation in a painting.

Commissioner Zuckerman: Offered condolences to Commissioner Ochoa. Happy to see Fall art season kick off and see other exhibits happening around the world.

Vice Chair Wondercheck: No comments.

Commissioner Lucia: Is looking forward to the upcoming Art Crawl in October and thanked staff on their work for the event.

Commissioner Mann: Offered condolences to Commissioner Ochoa and spoke about her experience with a painting. Highlighted the museum experience with her teenage kids as a good experience. Spoke about Costa Mesa art murals, OC Fair art exhibit fair music entertainment, and looks forward to the Art Crawl.

Chair Ashendorf: Highlighted the Costa Mesa Spotlight Magazine and events available this Fall, such as: ARTventure, *Symphony on the Go!*, and the current Senior Center exhibit artist, Madi Su. Encouraged the public to checkout Orange County Public Libraries events and guest authors who come out especially the Donald Dungan Library as they also have a list of events available.

OLD BUSINESS

1. MINUTES

06/01/2023 Arts Commission Draft Minutes

MOTION/SECOND: Chair Ashendorf made a motion to approve the June 1, 2023 minutes /Seconded by Vice Chair Wondercheck.

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. 2023/24 BUDGET UPDATE REPORT

Ms. Garner presented.

Commissioners inquired about the cannabis tax, project timelines, butterfly installation and show mobile.

Chair Ashendorf asked if the budget can be brought back in December or January for a midway review and prepare for the new Fiscal Year.

Commission received and filed report.

2. ART MURAL APPLICATION AT 2300-C HARBOR BOULEVARD

Mr. Christopher Aldana, Assistant Planner with the Economic Development Services Department presented.

Commissioner Ochoa inquired about protective coating for the mural.

Commissioners are looking forward to the opening of North Gate Market.

North Gate representative, Alexandra, and Lead Project Artist, Levi Ponce presented to the Commission.

No Public Comments.

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Zuckerman made a motion to receive and file/Seconded by Commissioner Ochoa.

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

3. ART MURAL APPLICATION AT 1721 WHITTIER AVENUE

Ms. Sheryl Whitecotton spoke about the art mural application.

Commissioner Mann commended artist on the mural.

Commissioner Zuckerman thanked the artist for coming and is in support of private property owners who install murals and support artists.

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Zuckerman made a motion to receive and file/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

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. ARTS & CULTURE STAFF REPORT

Ms. Laurette Garner, Arts Specialist, presented.

ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT Chair Ashendorf adjourned at 6:58 P.M.

NEXT REGULAR ARTS COMMISSION MEETING: Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.