

NOVEMBER 7, 2024
6:00 P.M. – UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Commissioner Derderian.

ROLL CALL

= Present = Absent

Commissioners	City Staff
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Charlene Ashendorf	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brian Gruner, Parks and Community Svs. Director
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fisher Derderian	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laurette Garner, Arts Specialist
<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"/> Kathia Viteri, Office Specialist II
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Allison Mann	
<input type="checkbox"/> Debora Wondercheck, Chair	
<input type="checkbox"/> Heidi Zuckerman, Vice Chair	

PRESENTATIONS:

1. THE ART SPREAD

Nadine Said, The Art Spread Managing Director presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ronald Chi: Indigenous artist living in Costa Mesa extended an invitation to an art showing at Coastline Gallery featuring eight artist.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Ochoa: Highlighted CMTV staff for their exceptional work in documenting and showcasing ARTventure and other events. Looks forward to the year ahead in service to the community.

Commissioner Ashendorf: Encouraged the community to explore the Spotlight publication, highlighting the arts on page 21. She noted upcoming art grants and the featured Utility Box Art Program, with exciting projects ahead. She also recognized indigenous artist Ronald Chi for his contributions to Costa Mesa’s arts scene, including his artwork near the post office.

Commissioner Mann: Thanked Ronald Chi for sharing his upcoming project and expressed appreciation for the Coastline Gallery’s scenic location and artistic offerings. Reflecting on the past year, she highlighted the success of Art Venture, sharing her enjoyment of the event with his daughter. She praised the city’s vibrant arts scene, looking forward to future sculptures and projects. She also encouraged the community to visit the butterfly art installation on 19th Street.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. MINUTES

10/03/2024 Arts Commission Draft Minutes

Commissioner Ochoa mentioned she was absent for the October 3, 2024, Arts

Commission meeting. Commissioner Ashendorf mentioned to adjust the adjournment to Chair Wondercheck.

MOTION/SECOND: Commissioner Ashendorf motioned to approve the October 3, 2024 minutes with the corrections discussed/Seconded by Commissioner Lucia.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner Derderian, Commissioner Lucia, Commissioner Mann, Commissioner Ochoa,

Nays: None

Abstained: None

Absent: Chair Wondercheck, Vice Chair Zuckerman

Motion Carried: 5-0

MONTHLY REPORTS

1. ARTS SPECIALIST REPORT

Ms. Laurette Garner, Arts Specialist, presented.

Commissioner Mann sought clarification on the Poet Laureate program, confirming whether the four new applicants were separate from previous ones. She also inquired about any age requirements for the Utility Box Art Program.

Commissioner Ashendorf suggested announcing the Poet Laureate during a special event in April to align with National Poetry Month.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

1. ART MURAL APPLICATION AT 1400 HARBOR BOULEVARD BUILDING A

Jeff Miller and Ryan Flemming from Anduril Industries presented.

Commissioner Ashendorf inquired about the mural rotation consistency.

Commissioner Ochoa inquired about the banner rotation process and whether local artists could have the opportunity to contribute through a commissioned project.

Commissioners highlighted the piece choice.

Public Comments: None.

Commission filed and received item.

2. SCULPTURE GARDEN UPDATE

Monique Villasenor, Recreation Manager, presented.

Commission Ochoa inquired if the commission would gather public input?

Commissioner Ashendorf sought clarification on whether the CIP funding would cover foundational work or advance project plans.

Commissioner Ochoa asked if commissioners would be notified in advance when the project is reviewed by the City Council to allow for advocacy.

Commissioner Lucia inquired about the possibility of multiple sculpture gardens across districts and the additional funding needed beyond the annual \$60,000 allocation.

Commissioner Fisher suggested incorporating poetry into the designs, as well as, benches.

Commissioner Ashendorf asked staff to ensure artist recognition in the work created.

Public Comment:

Cynthia McDonald: Resident, expressed concerns about the lack of restrooms and water sources in the design. She also advocated for dedicating space for performance art, art fairs, and expanding the park's function beyond sculpture display.

ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS

Commissioner Derderian: Acknowledged that this might be his final meeting as an Arts Commissioner. He expressed gratitude to fellow commissioners, staff, and city leaders for their efforts in supporting the arts and beautifying Costa Mesa. He hoped to return in the new year but remained open to future possibilities.

ADJOURNMENT Commissioner Mann adjourned at 7:03 P.M.