



Agenda Report

Arts Commission

Item #: 25-176

Meeting Date: 02/06/2025

TITLE: ARTS SPECIALIST REPORT
DEPARTMENT: PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
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UPDATES:

❖ Art Crawl

Tentatively planning a new Art Crawl for May, 2025. The theme will be music. More details to follow.

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

❖ Arts Grants

The Arts Grant application is now open until March 10, 2025. So far, we have four (4) new applications. More details to come in the coming months. A final report out on last year's applicants will occur sometime before the end of the fiscal year (June, 2025).

(ACMP: Goal 4. Action 1.1 and 1.2)

❖ Exhibition Spaces

The artwork of Marianna Baker is on display now until April 30, 2025 on the second floor of the Costa Mesa Senior Center. The artwork of Costa Mesa High School's art students is on display in the City Hall lobby, with Keli Marchbank, their art teacher. We also have a new online application process for schools and organizations to fill out if interested in showing artwork at the youth art wall. Application is on the website for anyone who might be interested in selecting a date.

(ACMP: Goal 4. Section 2.3)

❖ Free Park Performances

Currently working on a schedule for this upcoming year. We have plans to integrate arts and culture performances and interactive experiences into events the City currently hosts: Springfest, July 3, ARTventure, Hispanic Heritage Month, Scarecrow Fest. More details to come.

(ACMP: Goal 1 Action 2.4)

❖ Free at Segerstrom Center Campus

The final show for the program will be mid-June. In August, staff will bring a final report for the program back to the Arts Commission and present on changes to the program for the next fiscal year, based on things learned from the second year of the program.

(ACMP: Goal 1. Action 2.2)