THE COSTA MESA ARTS COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 4, 2025 6:00 P.M. – UNOFFICIAL MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER by Chair Ochoa at 6:00 PM.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE by Commissioner Ford.

ROLL CALL

 \boxtimes = Present \square = Absent

Commissioners	City Staff
☐ Charlene Ashendorf	☑ Brian Gruner, Parks and Community Svs. Director
	☑ Laurette Garner, Arts Specialist
⊠ Brendan Ford	☑ Monique Villasenor, Recreation Manager
⊠ Erica Lucia	☑ Ashley Thomas, Sr. Recreation Supervisor
☑ Alisa Ochoa	☑ Laura Fautua, Executive Assistant
☐ Allison Mann	☑ Kathia Viteri, Recreation Specialist
☐ Debora Wondercheck	

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Chair Ochoa: Highlighted the Art Sculpture relocation of James McDemis, ARTventure, and Hispanic Heritage Month.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. SCOPE OF WORK ARTS AND CULTURE MASTER PLAN UPDATE

Monique Villasenor, Recreation Manager, presented.

Vice Chair Derderian inquired about Section D.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Ford highlighted page 28 and 29 from prior plan, Commissioner Lucia appreciated staff updates. Vice Chair Derderian requested to add a bullet in section D regarding creative economy. Chair Ochoa highlighted item C and in agreement with all commissioner comments.

MOTION/SECOND: Chair Ochoa made a motion to approve Scope of Work with the friendly amendment to Section 4/Seconded by Vice Chair Derderian.

The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Commissioner Ford, Commissioner Lucia, Vice Chair Derderian, Chair Ochoa

Nays: None Abstained: None

Absent: Commissioner Ashendorf, Commissioner Mann, and Commissioner

Wondercheck

Motion Carried: 4-0

ADDITIONAL COMMISSIONER MEMBER & STAFF COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT Chair Ochoa adjourned at 6:15 PM.