



Administrative Report

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Meeting Date: 1/22/2025

To: CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
From: GARY MARGOLIS, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

TITLE

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE CREATION OF AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE FULL COMMISSION REGARDING AN LGBTQ PUBLIC ART PROJECT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

At the March 14, 2023 City Council meeting (minutes attached) council directed the Public Art Commission “to develop other permanent fixtures (like the MLK bench) that could be featured at City Hall, that espouses pride in the LGBTQ community.”

At the March 27, 2024 Public Art Commission meeting, the Commission formed a committee to expedite the outreach and procurement efforts for a permanent art installation espousing pride in Redondo Beach’s LGBTQ community. The committee met several times and gave several reports to the full commission. To date, the full commission has not taken any action.

Now that the Public Art Commission has been reformed as the Cultural Arts Commission, this item gives the Cultural Arts Commission an opportunity to create its own committee to accomplish council’s request.

BACKGROUND

At the January 3, 2023 City Council meeting, a referral was made to staff to prepare an item to discuss the possible adoption of a resolution declaring June as Pride Month. The resolution was then drafted, discussed and adopted at the March 14, 2023 City Council meeting. As part of the discussion, the City Council directed that a Pride flag be raised at the City’s Civic Center during the month of June.

At the March 14, 2023 City Council meeting, the Council adopted Resolution No. CC-2303-027 recognizing June as “Pride Month” in the City of Redondo Beach. Among other things, the Resolution declares that the City of Redondo Beach supports the rights of every citizen to experience equality and freedom from discrimination; acknowledges the right of all people regardless of age, race, color, religion, marital status, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, or physical challenges to be treated on the basis of their intrinsic value as human beings; recognizes that a diverse population leads to a more vibrant community; and accepts and welcomes people of diverse backgrounds to the City of Redondo Beach.

The motion adopting the Resolution also directed the Public Art Commission to recommend ideas for a permanent public art installation “to develop other permanent fixtures (like the MLK bench) that could be featured at City Hall, that espouses pride in the LGBTQ community.”

At the March 27, 2024 Public Art Commission meeting, the Commission formed a committee to expedite the outreach and procurement efforts for a permanent art installation commemorating the LGBTQIA+ community in Redondo Beach. The committee consisted of Chair Pucci, Vice Chair Christian-Kelly, and Commissioner Sharma. The committee discussed its progress at commission meetings on April 26, July 24 and September 25, 2024. Several commissioners at the September 25 meeting expressed the view that the Civic Center campus was not the appropriate location for such a piece of public art because the artwork would not be seen by a large number of people there. Preferred locations were the beach, the pier, the harbor, the boardwalk and Artesia Boulevard near the Artesia Bar (formerly the Dolphin Bar), which has historically been an LGBTQ-friendly gathering place in Redondo Beach.



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RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Create a committee of the Cultural Arts Commission with the mission to make recommendations to the full commission regarding how the commission may best accomplish city council's directive to the former Public Art Commission.
2. Appoint a maximum of three (3) commissioners to the committee.

ATTACHMENTS

City Council Minutes March 14, 2023

“Over the Rainbow: A Portrait of South Bay’s LGBT Community,” August 23, 2013