



REGULAR MEETING OF THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION – 7:00 PM

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the City of Redondo Beach Cultural Arts Commission was called to order by Chair O'Brien-Herrera at 7:02 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Melendez, Taner, Vice Chair Christian-Kelly, Chair O'Brien-Herrera

Commissioners Absent: Gold, Lawrence, Pitzele

Officials Present: Jack Meyer, Cultural Arts Manager
Anthony Wilson, Clerk

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair O'Brien-Herrera led in the Salute to the Flag.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Chair O'Brien-Herrera asked to reorder the agenda to hear Items No. J.2, J.1, J.3 and I, respectively.

Motion by Vice Chair Christian-Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Taner, and approved by voice vote, the order of the agenda, as amended.

The motion carried 4-0-3, with Commissioners Gold, Lawrence and Pitzele, absent.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

Cultural Arts Manager Meyer reported there were three Blue Folder Items, two of which were submitted by Commissioner Taner and described each. One was additional backup material for item J.3, Discussion and Possible Action regarding input and suggestions for the City's Strategic Planning Session on March 31, 2025. Cultural Arts Manager Meyer explained that the third Blue Folder item also contained background material from the previous City Strategic Planning Session in 2025 to assist with item J.3.

The third Blue Folder item, submitted by Commissioner Taner, included possible grant opportunities.

Commissioner Taner further explained each item that he submitted.

Motion by Vice Chair Christian-Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Melendez, and approved by voice vote, to receive and file Blue Folder Items.

The motion carried 4-0-3, with Commissioners Gold, Lawrence and Pitzele, absent.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

CONTACT: JACK MEYER, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

F.2. APPROVE REDONDO BEACH CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR FEBRUARY 25, 2026

CONTACT: JACK MEYER, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Commissioner Taner, seconded by Vice Chair Christian-Kelly, and approved by voice vote, the Consent Calendar, as presented.

The motion carried 4-0-3, with Commissioners Gold, Lawrence and Pitzele, absent.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Joan Irvine, District 3, announced a workshop by mosaic artists in Redondo Beach on April 18, 2026.

There were no other public comments.

Chair O'Brien-Herrera moved to Item No. J.2.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS

I.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE TO IDENTIFY AND PROMOTE PUBLIC ART OPTIONS ON THE ESPLANADE

CONTACT: JACK MEYER, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

Cultural Arts Manager Meyer introduced the item and provided a brief update.

Vice Chair Christian-Kelly added that they are interested finishing the bollards and asked about the possibility of issuing an RFQ for sculptures along the Esplanade.

Discussion followed regarding the need to develop specific concepts for the Esplanade,

searching for qualified people and specifying qualifications, focusing on one thing at a time (i.e., completion of bollards), moving forward with the project with the proviso that it is permissible without a competitive process, and specifying a not-to-exceed budget of \$20,000.

Commissioner Taner spoke about the mural in front of the Police Department, how it is obstructed by parked cars and suggested asking them to move it to the beach.

Chair O'Brien-Herrera invited public comments.

Joan Irvine, District 1, Keep the Esplanade Beautiful, thanked the Commission and agreed with its recommendations; talked about the maps and being able to have mosaics along the sitting wall.

Evelyn Lackey suggested partnering with the Redondo Union Art Program and involving student artists.

There were no other public comments.

Motion by Vice Chair Christian-Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Taner, and approved by voice vote, to issue an RFP for completion of the bollard mosaic artwork (22 existing) on the Esplanade at a budget not to exceed \$20,000.

The motion carried 4-0-3, with Commissioners Gold, Lawrence and Pitzele, absent.

Motion by Vice Chair Christian-Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Taner, and approved by voice vote, to continue this item to the next regular meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission.

The motion carried 4-0-3, with Commissioners Gold, Lawrence and Pitzele, absent.

Chair O'Brien-Herrera moved to Item No. K.

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J.1. RECEIVED AND FILE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION LIAISON'S REPORT

CONTACT: JACK MEYER, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

Cultural Arts Manager Meyer presented the Liaison Report and addressed the John Parsons Public Art Fund budget, upcoming art events and the status of projects as of March 19, 2026.

Discussion followed regarding programming at the Redondo Beach Art Center versus renting out the facility and operation of the Music on the Pier program and whether it impacts the City's budget.

Motion by Vice Chair Christian-Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Taner, and approved by voice vote, to receive and file the report.

The motion carried 4-0-3, with Commissioners Gold, Lawrence and Pitzele, absent.

Chair O'Brien-Herrera moved to Item No. J.3.

J.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A PROPOSAL OF SUPPORT AND PARTNERSHIP CONSIDERATIONS FROM REDONDO BALLET COMPANY

CONTACT: JACK MEYER, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

Francesca Stern, Redondo Ballet, introduced herself and talked briefly about her organization and experience.

Donna Perkins and Anne Jacoby, Redondo Ballet, introduced themselves and together, narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of a proposed partnership with the City of Redondo Beach and requested the support of the Cultural Arts Commission.

Commissioner Taner congratulated the Redondo Ballet; commented favorably about the presentation; expressed his support and suggested organizing a Ballet Festival with other troupes and the possibility of adding a classical music/ballet/jazz event in conjunction with Music in the Park (Beach).

Discussion followed regarding the process to discuss the Ballet's current fees and costs of their requests, community benefits related to fee waivers, coordinating with local schools, the number of productions in the theater season, appealing to the City's youth, ticket discounts for seniors and students, creation of "art weekends", reaching out to the North Redondo Beach Business Association, and continuing this item to obtain more information and develop recommendations to City Council.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Chair O'Brien-Herrera, seconded by Vice Chair Christian-Kelly, and approved by voice vote, to continue this matter to the next regular meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission to obtain additional information and develop recommendations to City Council.

The motion carried 4-0-3, with Commissioners Gold, Lawrence and Pitzele, absent.

Chair O'Brien-Herrera returned to Item No. J.1.

J.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING INPUT AND SUGGESTIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL'S CONSIDERATION DURING THE FORTHCOMING STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

CONTACT: JACK MEYER, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

Cultural Arts Manager Meyer provided a brief report regarding the strategic planning process and upcoming strategic planning session and spoke about the Commission

providing input and suggestions for the upcoming session. He added that there is a time constraint on the item as Council will hold its strategic planning session on March 31, 2026 and the Commission's input will be presented under Blue Folder Items.

Discussion followed regarding the upcoming strategic planning session, increasing the effect of the Commission's letter, incorporating art with upcoming Olympics events and considering a Redondo Beach Art Museum, consider recommending the Police Annex be converted into an art center, following the construction of a new police station, developing a map of the City's public art with information about the specific pieces, developing a map of potential performing art spaces in the City, considering an interactive online map of art, events, performance spaces and including ticketing, considering the possibility of an arts center, as a community gathering space but also showcasing local art, and exploring options for the creation of inviting, interactive spaces within the City to make it accessible and friendly to residents and visitors.

Commissioner Taner summarized the asks as incorporating art with the upcoming Olympics events including development of interactive maps, considering the development of an art center and considering development of an art museum.

Vice Chair Christian-Kelly spoke about the need for increased social media presence.

Chair O'Brien-Herrera invited public comments.

Naomi Kaplan felt that a third space is needed, especially where students can make art and participate in City art events.

Antonio DeFiesta, spoke about the importance of a third space in order to practice the arts, both visually and acoustically. He spoke about holding art workshops in Hawaii which work together with schools in spreading cultural art and traditions.

Isla referenced the museum; spoke about an aquarium on the Manhattan Beach Pier and supported a marine museum on the pier especially when considering upcoming Olympics events.

There were no other public comments.

Discussion followed regarding working with Cultural Arts Manager Meyer to generate the letter to City Council, presenting the letter under Blue Folder Items, offering input during the strategic planning session and cooperation between cities to leverage the upcoming Olympics.

Commissioner Taner volunteered to generate the letter in conjunction with Cultural Arts Manager Meyer.

Motion by Vice Chair Christian-Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Taner, and approved by voice vote, to receive and file the report.

The motion carried 4-0-3, with Commissioners Gold, Lawrence and Pitzele, absent.

Chair O'Brien-Herrera returned to Item No. I.

K. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Taner referenced Blue Folder Items, specifically, examples of mission statements and asked to place the item on the next agenda, for consideration as well as finalizing the Commission's By-laws. He asked Members to review the information and be ready to discuss it. Additionally, he talked about the City's Public Art Master Plan dated 2015, by John Parson's Art Fund and suggested those as topics for the future.

Discussion followed regarding the need for discussions about the budget, the funds related to the Transit Center and available options for the money.

Motion by Chair O'Brien-Herrera, seconded by Commissioner Melendez, and approved by voice vote, to add discussions about the Commission's mission/vision statement and by-laws as well as a brief discussion regarding the use of funds for art in the Transit Center (\$74,000).

The motion carried 4-0-3, with Commissioners Gold, Lawrence and Pitzele, absent.

Discussion followed regarding getting regular updates from consultants and the status of the LGBTQ+ sculpture.

Chair O'Brien-Herrera announced a play, Something Rotten, at Redondo Beach Union High School.

K.1. RECEIVE AND FILE REPORTS FROM ACTIVE SUBCOMMITTEES - None

CONTACT: JACK MEYER, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

L. ADJOURNMENT – 8:38 p.m.

Motion by Vice Chair Christian-Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Melendez, and approved by voice vote, to adjourn the meeting at 8:38 p.m. to the next Regular meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission on April 22, 2026, at 7:00 p.m., in the Redondo Beach Council Chambers, at 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

The motion carried 4-0-3, with Commissioners Gold, Lawrence and Pitzele, absent.

All written comments submitted via eComment are included in the record and available for public review on the City website.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hause
Community Services Director