



Minutes
Redondo Beach Cultural Arts Commission
Wednesday, May 28, 2025
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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 Christian-Kelly at 7:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Gold, Lawrence, Pitzele, Vice Chair O'Brien-Herrera, Chair Christian-Kelly

Commissioners Absent: Melendez, Taner

Officials Present: Jack Meyer, Cultural Arts Manager

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Christian-Kelly led in the Salute to the Flag.

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Gold, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, and approved by voice vote, the order of the agenda, as presented.

The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners Melendez and Taner were absent.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS

CONTACT: JACK MEYER, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

Cultural Arts Manager Meyer reported there were no Blue Folder Items for this meeting.

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 NOVEMBER 20, 2024; JANUARY 22, 2025; MARCH 26, 2025

CONTACT: JACK MEYER, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

F.3. RECEIVE AND FILE JOHN PARSONS PUBLIC ART FUND REPORT AND STATUS OF CITY COUNCIL-APPROVED AND FUNDED PROJECTS

CONTACT: JACK MEYER, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Commissioner Pitzele, seconded by Vice Chair O'Brien-Herrera, and approved by voice vote, the Consent Calendar, as presented.

The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners Melendez and Taner were absent.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NON-AGENDA ITEMS

H.1 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

CONTACT: JACK MEYER, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

Cultural Arts Manager Meyer reported receiving a letter from resident, Georgette Gantner.

Motion by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Pitzele, and approved by voice vote, to receive and file correspondence received from resident, Georgette Gantner.

The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners Melendez and Taner were absent.

Georgette Gantner, District 2, reported on her research of Cultural Arts Commissions in other cities; noted the inclusion of other types of arts such as in the City of El Segundo where they have a Poet Laureate; spoke about attending an upcoming Dance1 board meeting and distributed copies of the results of her research.

Motion by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Commissioner Pitzele, and approved by voice vote, to receive and file documents submitted by Georgette Gantner.

The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners Melendez and Taner were absent.

She offered to help the City with the information; mentioned the idea of considering public art in the new courtyard and announced an art reception at Ho Oyster, on May 31, 2025.

Rick McQuillin talked about improving local commerce along Artesia Boulevard; announced that the first beta version of the See Artesia and South Bay Streets apps will be on line later in the week and described it; offered to provide a virtual map of public art along Artesia; mentioned drawing tourists to upcoming, major sports events and

recommended Sandy Anleu and Georgette Gantner to be members of the Cultural Arts Commission.

Ken Pagliaro, local artist, introduced himself and mentioned he would like to be involved in the Artesia art project; spoke about existing empty walls along the corridor and the possibility of adding art to enhance the public's experience and addressed his experience and qualifications.

Sandy Anleu addressed her background; talked about art enhancing the public's experience along the corridor and helping businesses attract customers and offered to help the City and discuss her ideas with the consultant.

Micky Johnson, President, North Redondo Beach Business Association (NRBBA), and Sandy Anleu, Art Curator, NRBBA, spoke about a new program, Dine Around Artesia, on August 13th on East Artesia and on September 10th on West Artesia; reported this year they will also be hosting artists and Sandy Anleu described that portion of the program.

There were no other public comments, and this portion of the meeting was closed.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS - None

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J.1. STATUS UPDATE AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW CITY PUBLIC ART CONSULTANT FOR ARTESIA PUBLIC ART PROJECT

CONTACT: JACK MEYER, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

Cultural Arts Manager Meyer reported that City Council awarded the contract for Public Art Consultant to LeBasse Projects and narrated a PowerPoint presentation including background, key elements of the contract and recommendations. He introduced representatives from LeBasse Projects, Kim Luangraj and Catherine Forsyth, and deferred to them for a presentation.

Kim Luangraj and Catherine Forsyth narrated a PowerPoint presentation with examples of prior art installations and projects and responded to questions from the Commission regarding opening applications to local artists, staffing and leadership; talked about collaborating with others and building community with art; addressed activating specific areas of the City with art and the process for assessing locations and obtaining input from the community and stakeholders and convening a community panel for input.

Discussion followed regarding ensuring that everyone's voices are heard and engaging schools, the PTA and parents of students in the area.

Chair Christian-Kelly invited public comments.

Micky Johnson, NRBBA, spoke in support of the project; discussed activating art and using it for placemaking; offered to help with outreach and announced their upcoming,

Dine Around Artesia.

Georgette Gantner suggested that each Councilmember announced the event during their community meetings and stated that all schools in Redondo Beach should be notified.

There were no other public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Gold, seconded by Vice Chair O'Brien-Herrera, and approved by voice vote, to receive and file the report.

The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners Melendez and Taner were absent.

J.2. RECEIVE AND FILE AN UPDATE ON EFFORTS TO-DATE OF THE LGBTQIA+ PRIDE PERMANENT ART INSTALLATION SUBCOMMITTEE

CONTACT: JACK MEYER, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

Chair Christian-Kelly reported meeting with Betty Leanen from the South Bay, Torrance LGBTQ Center who was pleased with placing a sculpture in front of the Redondo Beach North Library and talked about seeking designated funding and expanding on the matter with the Consultant.

Vice Chair O'Brien-Herrera talked about the history related with the area around the Redondo Beach North Library.

Discussion followed regarding the benefits of the location and fast-tracking the project once funding is obtained.

Cultural Arts Manager Meyer noted that the budget for the remaining Utility Box Art Project boxes has not yet been allocated.

Motion by Vice Chair O'Brien-Herrera, seconded by Commissioner Gold, and approved by voice vote, to receive and file the report.

The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners Melendez and Taner were absent.

K. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS

Chair Christian-Kelly discussed scheduling discussions on upcoming agendas regarding reallocating money from the John Parsons Public Art Fund to the LGBTQIA+ Pride Permanent Art Installation, reallocating some or all money from the Transit Center Project to Lilienthal Park, creation of a virtual public art map and designating a building for a Community Art Center.

Motion by Vice Chair O'Brien-Herrera, seconded by Commissioner Pitzele, and approved by voice vote, to agendize on the next meeting agenda, a discussion regarding reallocating money left over from the John Parsons Public Art Fund to the LGBTQIA+

Pride Permanent Art Installation, to be located at the Redondo Beach North Library and a discussion about reallocating some or all money from the Transit Center Project to Lilenthal Park.

The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners Melendez and Taner were absent.

Discussion followed regarding the Gateway Project and taking into consideration limitations of resources.

Motion by Commissioner Lawrence, seconded by Vice Chair O'Brien-Herrera, and approved by voice vote, to agendize a discussion regarding creation of a virtual public art map on an upcoming agenda.

The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners Melendez and Taner were absent.

Motion by Chair Christian-Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, and approved by voice vote, to agendize a discussion regarding creation of a Community Art Center, possibly at Aviation Park.

The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners Melendez and Taner were absent.

Vice Chair O'Brien-Herrera talked about defining what the Cultural Arts Commission encompasses.

Cultural Arts Manager Meyer reported that Commissioner Taner had mentioned that could be agendize with a discussion of the by-laws.

Vice Chair O'Brien-Herrera mentioned it would be helpful to have a discussion regarding the types of arts under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Motion by Vice Chair O'Brien-Herrera, seconded by Commissioner Gold, and approved by voice vote, to agendize a discussion regarding requesting clarification from the City Council as to the Commission's responsibilities, vision, goals and what Council would like the Commission to do.

The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners Melendez and Taner were absent.

Chair Christian-Kelly invited public comments and announced an upcoming Art Exhibition from Friends of Redondo Beach Art.

Georgett Gantner provided a brief background on how the Public Arts Commission was changed to the Cultural Arts Commission; suggested the Commission determine what it wants; talked about finding a location for a Community Arts Center and offered to provide photographs of public art throughout the City.

Rick McQuillin commented on the Commission's interest in a virtual map and reiterated his offer to help with its creation.

There were no other public comments.

Cultural Arts Manager Meyer announced that the City of Redondo Beach planned a Pride Flag raising at City Hall on June 3, 2025 at 5:30 PM outside City Council Chambers.

L. ADJOURNMENT – 8:21 p.m.

Motion by Vice Chair O'Brien-Herrera, seconded by Commissioner Pitzele, and carried by voice vote, to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

The motion carried 5-0. Commissioners Melendez and Taner were absent.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Chair adjourned the meeting to the next Regular meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission on July 23, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., in the Redondo Beach Council Chambers, at 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hause
Community Services Director