



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

A. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A Special Meeting of the City of Redondo Beach Cultural Arts Commission was called to order by Vice Chair Christian-Kelly at 7:00 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: Taner

Officials Present: Elizabeth Hause, Community Services Director
Gary Margolis, Cultural Arts Manager

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

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

The motion carried 6-0. Commissioner Taner was absent.

E. BLUE FOLDER ITEMS – ADDITIONAL BACK UP MATERIALS

E.1. Blue Folder Items

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, INTERIM COMMUNITY SERVICES
DIRECTOR

Cultural Arts Manager Margolis reported receiving one Blue Folder Item related to Item No. J.1.

Motion by Commissioner Melendez, seconded by Commissioner O'Brien-Herrera, and approved by voice vote, to receive and file Blue Folder Items.

The motion carried 6-0. Commissioner Taner was absent.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. APPROVAL OF PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MINUTES: SEPTEMBER 25, 2024

CONTACT: GARY MARGOLIS, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

F.2. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR

There were no public comments on this item.

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

The motion carried 6-0. Commissioner Taner was absent.

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS - None

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NON-AGENDA ITEMS

H.1 Public Participation on Non-Agenda Items

CONTACT: ELIZABETH HAUSE, INTERIM COMMUNITY SERVICES
DIRECTOR

Vice Chair Christian-Kelly invited public comments.

Ron Maroko, District 3, talked about projects that were started last year; suggested the Commission request status reports on them including the Utility Box program that was not completed, the red car fixture at the Transit Center and hiring a consultant to help with the Artesia Boulevard project; spoke about the possibility of establishing an Artesia Boulevard Arts District instead of spending money on a consultant and announced a Holiday Party at the Morrell House.

There were no other public comments and Vice Chair Christian-Kelly closed this portion of the meeting.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS - None

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

**J.1. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION -
ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

CONTACT: GARY MARGOLIS, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

Cultural Arts Manager Margolis presented a report noting the Blue Folder Item was an email from Commissioner Taner, requesting that the elections be continued until the next

meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission; referenced his reasons for the request and addressed the Municipal Code.

Discussion followed regarding whether Commission Taner was interested in a position, avoiding delays in order to move forward expeditiously.

Motion: Commissioner Pitzele moved to table this item.

The motion died for lack of a second.

In response to an inquiry from the Commission, Community Services Director Hause discussed the responsibilities, terms, and roles of the Commissioner Officers.

Commissioner Melendez nominated Vice Chair Christian-Kelly for Chair.

Commissioner O'Brien-Herrera nominated herself for Vice Chair and Commissioners Christian-Kelly and Melendez also nominated Commissioner O'Brien-Herrera for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Melendez nominated Commissioner Taner for Secretary.

There were no other nominations and Vice Chair Christian-Kelly closed nominations.

Each candidate offered information about themselves and their experience and capabilities.

Commissioner Christian-Kelly invited public comments.

Ron Maroko spoke about the possibility of needing new by-laws.

There were no other public comments.

Motion by Commissioner Melendez, seconded by Commissioner Gold and carried by voice vote, to elect Commissioner Christian-Kelly as Chair, Commissioner O'Brien-Herrera as Vice Chair and Commissioner Taner as Secretary.

The motion carried 6-0. Commissioner Taner was absent.

J.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE SELECTION OF A REGULAR MEETING DATE FOR THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

CONTACT: GARY MARGOLIS, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

Cultural Arts Manager Margolis presented options for Commission regular meeting dates and time.

Motion by Commissioner Gold, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence, to schedule regular meetings of the Cultural Arts Commission on the first Monday of each month.

Discussion followed regarding scheduling a meeting over the holidays, keeping it the fourth Wednesday of the month, challenges with Mondays, providing staff additional time to prepare.

Commissioners Gold and Lawrence withdrew the motion and second.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Chair Christian-Kelly, seconded by Vice Chair O'Brien-Herrera, and approved by voice vote, to schedule regular meetings of the Cultural Arts Commission the fourth Wednesday of every other month at 7:00 p.m.

The motion carried 6-0. Commissioner Taner was absent.

J.3. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING MUNICIPAL PUBLIC ART PROGRAMS IN GENERAL, AND SPECIFICALLY, THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH'S JOHN PARSONS PUBLIC ART FUND ORDINANCE

CONTACT: GARY MARGOLIS, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

Cultural Arts Manager Margolis narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the Redondo Beach John Parson's Public Art Fund Ordinance, appropriations, the status of current and upcoming projects, moving existing projects along versus finding new projects, funding sources, the in-lieu of process and key principles of public art.

Discussion followed regarding ways of advocating the process and increasing community involvement, getting information about major art districts in the country, determining best practices in other communities, having each Commissioner get input from businesses and residents in terms of what kind of art they would like to see.

Cultural Arts Manager Margolis noted that the Art Consultant will help with the engagement question and implementing best practices.

Discussion followed regarding the possibility of using the money allotted for an Art Consultant for other purposes, City Council's direction to hire a Consultant, receiving a formal report on the status of the various projects, the advantages of hiring an Art Consultant including lessening staff's load, adding specialized knowledge, and sending the RFQ to all new Commissioners.

Commissioner Melendez spoke about spending the John Parson's Public Art Fund and addressed the need to move projects forward and spread the word to the public.

Cultural Arts Manager Margolis encouraged Commissioners to attend district community meetings to talk about public art in the City.

Discussion followed regarding including information and maps of public art in the City to place on the City's website.

There were no public comments on this item.

Motion by Commissioner Menendez, seconded by Commissioner Gold, and approved by voice vote, to receive and file the report.

The motion carried 6-0. Commissioner Taner was absent.

K. MEMBER ITEMS AND REFERRALS TO STAFF

Commissioner Gold introduced herself and discussed her involvement in arts.

Commissioner Lawrence introduced herself and discussed her involvement in arts.

Commissioner Melendez introduced himself and discussed his involvement in arts and looked forward to completing pending projects.

Vice Chair O'Brien-Herrera expressed excitement at being part of this Commission.

Commissioner Pitzele spoke about her involvement in the arts and asked about the budget.

Cultural Arts Manager Margolis addressed the budget and the need to set aside money for maintenance and noted upcoming development projects in the pipeline which will provide money to the fund.

Community Services Director Hause talked about the reestablishment of the Youth Commission and the possibility of getting them involved in public art and announced that she was contacted by the Redondo Beach Ballet which is interested in becoming more involved in City events.

Discussion followed regarding art education, the next budget cycle, funding for cultural arts, partnering with the School District, providing opportunities for students to work with professional artists and establishing apprenticeships.

L. ADJOURNMENT – 8:30 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Gold, seconded by Vice Chair O'Brien-Herrera, and carried by voice vote, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

The motion carried 6-0. Commissioner Taner was 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 January 22, 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