



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, Melendez, Pitzele, Taner, Vice Chair O'Brien-Herrera, Chair Christian-Kelly

Commissioners Absent: Lawrence

Officials Present: Kelly Orta, Deputy Community Services Director,
Jack Meyer, Cultural Arts Manager
Kira Sherman, Clerk

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Motion by Commissioner Pitzele, seconded by Commissioner Melendez, and approved by voice vote, the order of the agenda, as amended.

The motion carried 6-0. Commissioner Lawrence was 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.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

F.1. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

CONTACT: JACK MEYER, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

F.2. This item was pulled from Consent by Commissioner Taner.

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

CONTACT: JACK MEYER, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

Commissioner Taner pulled Item No. F.2 from Consent for separate consideration.

There were no public comments on the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Vice Chair O'Brien-Herrera, seconded by Commissioner Taner, and approved by voice vote, the Consent Calendar, as amended, pulling Item No. F.2 for separate discussion.

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

G. EXCLUDED CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

F.2. APPROVE REDONDO BEACH CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES FOR JULY 23, 2025

CONTACT: JACK MEYER, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

Commissioner Taner made a correction to the minutes in reference to the Annual Community Exhibition in Manhattan Beach, not Hermosa Beach.

Motion by Commissioner Taner, seconded by Commissioner Pitzele, and approved by voice vote, the Consent Calendar, as corrected.

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

H. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Chair Christian-Kelly invited public comments.

Rick McQuillin, Manhattan Beach, talked about his C-Artesia application and project is making progress in boosting commerce; shared ideas about installing art along the Artesia corridor; discussed using existing resources with redevelopment/restoration, mixing the old with the new and signs.

Georgette Gantner, District 2, reported touring the area to identify potential mural spaces; spoke about the importance of talking to people and building community.

Joan Irvine, Keep the Esplanade Beautiful, distributed a brochure with information about the organization.

Joan Irvine spoke about the organization and noted one of its goals is to engage the community; talked about the award-winning head of their Marketing Committee the

production of a video about the organization and reported it will be premiered at the community mixer on October 22nd at HT Grill between 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Motion by Chair Christian-Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Pitzele, and approved by voice vote, to receive and file the brochure submitted by Joan Irvine.

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

Jim Mueller, District 5, reported he checked the AACAP document and found there are funds to pay for murals; mentioned availability of grants; suggested funding could be sped up to pay for the mural efforts and talked about murals on private property.

Sandy Anleu, NRBBA, talked about the success of Dine Around Artesia; hoped the Cultural Arts Commission could assist in planning for next year; discussed the possibility of installing functional art such as a buffer and mentioned three different projects including the mural and LeBasse and the possibility of Council considering a property maintenance penalty to encourage property owners to clean up their spaces. Additionally, she asked about the possibility of allowing more artists outside businesses and allowing space for same.

Francesca Stern, District 4, announced that Redondo Ballet Company puts on amazing productions and stated they would like to collaborate with the City to find ways in which the company can support Redondo Beach.

There were no other public comments.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS - None

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J.1. RECEIVE AND FILE PROJECT UPDATES REGARDING THE ARTESIA PUBLIC ART MASTER PLAN

CONTACT: KELLY ORTA, DEPUTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR
JACK MEYER, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

Deputy Community Services Director Orta, together with Cultural Arts Manager Meyer, narrated a PowerPoint presentation with a general overview of the Artesia Public Art Master Plan.

Commissioner Tanner spoke favorably about the process to far; listed his expectations regarding this project including robust community participation; suggested expanding the area where art will be placed to be expanded from the surrounding community into Artesia Boulevard (i.e., a satellite version of the project in Anderson Park) to gain the sympathy and ownership from residents of District 5 as well as in another location for District 4 and encouraged prioritizing the benefits of residents.

Chair Christian-Kelly invited public comments.

Georgette Gantner mentioned the only way to obtain the survey is through Community Services and felt the public needs to be made aware of it and offered to be on a committee.

Jim Mueller agreed with Commissioner Tanner in terms of encouraging surrounding residents to visit Artesia Boulevard and suggested including District 3 residents.

Rick McQuillin, Manhattan Beach, spoke favorably about discussions so far; agreed with needing increased community involvement; addressed other things the City could do in terms of practical art (i.e., on bike racks) and suggested a strategic coordination for the project, as a whole.

Jim Mueller suggested that each Councilmember include the survey in their communications with districts and in community meetings.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Discussion followed regarding distribution of the community survey.

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

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

J.2. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE SELECTION OF AN ALTERNATE DISTRICT 1 UTILITY BOX FOR ART WRAP

CONTACT: JACK MEYER, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

Cultural Arts Manager Meyer presented details of the Administrative Report.

Discussion followed regarding preferred locations for the boxes to wrap in District 1, the possibility of approving more than one box.

The Commission took an informal vote resulting in Box B as the preferred box for wrapping.

Motion by Chair Christian-Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Gold, and approved by voice vote, to approve Box B, in District 1 for the utility box art wrap.

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

J.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING CANCELLATION OF THE NOVEMBER 26, 2025 CULTURAL ARTS MEETING AND THE SCHEDULING OF A SPECIAL MEETING EARLIER IN THE MONTH

CONTACT: JACK MEYER, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

Cultural Arts Manager Meyer presented details of the report and listed options for a special meeting in November.

Motion by Chair Christian-Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Pitzele, and approved by voice vote, to cancel the November 26, 2025 Cultural Arts Commission meeting and schedule a special meeting on November 19, 2025.

The motion carried 5-1. Commissioner Gold was opposed as she has a conflict and Commissioner Lawrence was absent.

J.4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE FORMATION OF A SUBCOMMITTEE TO IDENTIFY AND PROMOTE PUBLIC ART OPTIONS ON THE ESPLANADE

CONTACT: JACK MEYER, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

Cultural Arts Manager Meyer presented the details of the Administrative Report.

Discussion followed regarding the proposed budget for the subcommittee.

Chair Christian-Kelly invited public comments.

Joan Irvine, District 1, thanked the Commission for approving this item and asked that the Commission consider having a representative from Keep the Esplanade Beautiful, on the subcommittee.

There were no other public comments.

Motion by Chair Christian-Kelly, seconded by Vice Chair O'Brien-Herrera, and approved by voice vote, to form a subcommittee to identify and promote public art options on the Esplanade and comprised of Commissioner Taner and Chair Christian-Kelly.

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

K. COMMISSION MEMBER ITEMS AND FUTURE COMMISSION AGENDA TOPICS

In response to Commissioner Melendez, Cultural Arts Manager Meyer discussed the status of the Gateway project and provided an update on Sea Chatter.

Commissioner Melendez noted that it is up to members of the Commission to ensure that projects are moving forward and talked about taking advantage of the momentum.

Commissioner Taner referenced the John Parsons Public Art Fund Report; suggested including information from the previous period and changes; felt that revenues are not what they should be and suggested communicating with Finance to ensure the fund receiving the revenues it should receive.

Cultural Arts Manager Meyer offered to include the sources of the revenues, as they are received.

Commissioner Taner commented on corporate contributions in art and encouraged efforts to obtain sponsorships.

Commissioner Melendez pointed out the need to place additional focus on performing arts.

Discussion followed regarding making proposals for City Council to consider relative to performing arts, existing events by other organizations such as the Pier Association, potential spaces for performances, determining what other cities are doing well, available resources and forming a subcommittee in the future.

Chair Christian-Kelly asked to dedicate the meeting to South Bay Photographer Deidra Davidson in memory of her recent passing.

Commissioner Taner spoke about the benefits of hiring two or three summer interns to work specifically on art projects and congratulated and thanked Francesca from the Redondo Ballet Company for making the public aware of the group.

Cultural Arts Manager Meyer commented on their performances at the Redondo Beach Performing Arts Center; reminded the Commission that elections for Chair and Vice Chair will take place in November; confirmed the funds available in the John Parsons Public Art Fund and spoke about the possibility of changing the frequency of meetings for the Cultural Arts Commission to monthly.

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

CONTACT: JACK MEYER, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

L. ADJOURNMENT – 8:17 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m. to the next Special meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission on November 19, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., in the Redondo Beach Council Chambers, at 415 Diamond Street, Redondo Beach, California, in memory of South Bay Photographer Deidra Davidson.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Hause
Community Services Director