



Minutes
Redondo Beach Cultural Arts Commission
Wednesday, January 22, 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, Melendez, O'Brian Herrera, Pitzele, Taner
Chair Christian-Kelly

Officials Present: Gary Margolis, Cultural Arts Manager

C. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

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

D. APPROVE ORDER OF AGENDA

Commissioner Taner noted the minutes from the last meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission are not included in the agenda and asked that they be included in the next meeting agenda. He mentioned that meetings are transcribed on the YouTube channel and felt that it is a simple job.

Motion by Commissioner Taner, seconded by Commissioner O'Brian Herrera, and approved by voice vote, the order of the agenda, as presented.

The motion carried 7-0-0.

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 there were no Blue Folder Items received for tonight's meeting.

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Georgette Gantner, District 2, expressed excitement about moving forward with hiring the necessary consultants; opined they should attend Commission meetings; noted she is running for Mayor and mentioned she cannot wait to see what Artesia Boulevard can become.

There were no other public comments.

I. ITEMS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS AGENDAS - None

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION PRIOR TO ACTION

J.1. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE UTILITY BOX ART WRAP PROGRAM

CONTACT: GARY MARGOLIS, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

Cultural Arts Manager Margolis narrated a PowerPoint presentation with details of the Administrative Report and including suggestions as to how to proceed.

Discussion followed regarding disregarding the prices listed on the examples.

Members of the Commission reviewed the eligibility of each design.

Motion by Commissioner Gold, seconded by Commissioner Lawrence and failed by voice vote, to determine that No. 6 is not eligible, as the artist did not follow the directions, staff had to recreate the concept, in its entirety and it does not pass the "moving car" test.

The motion failed, 3-4-0. Commissioners Taner, Melendez, Lawrence, and Chair Christian-Kelly, opposed.

Discussion followed regarding other concepts that may not be eligible, the pros and cons of the concept, maintaining a level of professionalism and the number of utility boxes yet to be wrapped.

Members of the Commission continued to evaluate the proposed designs.

Discussion followed regarding No. 8 and whether it is too dark to be seen at night and Members of the Commission polled at 5-2 to eliminate it as ineligible, polled at 4-3, to eliminate No. 9, as ineligible, polled 5-2 to keep No. 13 as eligible and polled 5-2 to eliminate No. 15 from eligibility.

Ensuing discussion pertained to the specific criteria for determining why a concept is ineligible and the moving car test.

Discussion followed regarding No. 16 not being set up properly and the Commission agreed to eliminate it from consideration.

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Cultural Arts Manager Margolis referenced the Administrative Report in the agenda packet and noted the recommendation is for the Commission to form an ad hoc committee to develop recommendations to the full Commission regarding an LGBTQ+ permanent public art project.

Discussion followed regarding an ad hoc committee versus a standing committee.

Chair Christian-Kelly provided a brief background regarding the topic.

Cultural Arts Manager Margolis addressed previous discussions to place the piece in the Civic Center; reported it was determined that it should be located elsewhere where it is more visible and talked about creating an ad hoc committee to move the matter forward.

Chair Christian-Kelly spoke about Commissioners who had expressed interest in being in the committee.

Commissioner O'Brian Herrera volunteered to be on the committee and spoke about needing to move this project along.

Chair Christian-Kelly and Commissioner Gold volunteered to be on the committee.

Chair Christian-Kelly invited public comments.

Joan Irvine, District 1, announced she is running for Mayor and thanked the Commission for choosing the District 1 utility box design and for moving this project forward. She spoke about the importance of having a diverse community that welcomes all.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Motion by Chair Christian-Kelly, seconded by Commissioner Pitzele, and approved by voice vote, to appoint Chair Christian-Kelly, Commissioner O'Brian Herrera and Commissioner Gold to the LGBTQ+ Permanent Public Art Project Ad Hoc Committee.

The motion carried 7-0-0.

J.3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING A FIRST DRAFT OF PROPOSED BYLAWS FOR THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

CONTACT: GARY MARGOLIS, CULTURAL ARTS MANAGER

Cultural Arts Manager Margolis reported that the City Attorney has asked to review this item before it is presented to the Commission.

Commissioner Taner suggested forming an ad hoc committee to develop the vision of the newly formed commission and spoke about the draft by-laws and enlarging the scope of the commission.

There were no other public comments on this item.

Brief discussion followed regarding asking consultants to attend Commission meetings when they are hired, when the contract will be reviewed by Council and presenting ideas about the City's birthday party at the next Public Amenities Commission meeting.

L. ADJOURNMENT – 9:00 p.m.

Motion by Commissioner Melendez, seconded by Commissioner O'Brian Herrera, and carried by voice vote, to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

The motion carried 7-0-0.

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 March 26, 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