



City of Pomona

Cultural Arts Commission

Draft Action Minutes

Chairperson Jovani Esparza
Commissioner Lisa P. Soiseth
Commissioner Christian Ornelas
Commissioner Venita Rodman
Commissioner Dianna Batts
Commissioner Nancy A. Tessier
Commissioner Joshua Swodeck

January 27, 2025

5:30 PM

City Hall, Administrative Board Room, 2nd Floor

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Jovani Esparza called the Cultural Arts Commission meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Administrative Board Room located on the 2nd Floor of City Hall.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Jovani Esparza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Jovani Esparza
Commissioner Christian Ornelas
Commissioner Dianna Batts
Commissioner Nancy A. Tessier
Commissioner Joshua Swodeck

Absent: Commissioner Lisa P. Soiseth
Commissioner Venita Rodman

Staff Present: Ata Khan, Deputy Director of Development Services
Jocelyn Ayala, Arts Coordinator

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Commissioner Tessier introduces herself to the Commission.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the Action Minutes from the December 12, 2024 Special Meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission.

A motion by Commissioner Swodeck, seconded by Chairperson Esparza, carried by a unanimous vote of the members present (5-0-0-2) to approve Action Minutes from the December 12, 2024 Special Meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission.

Chairperson Jovani Esparza – yes; Commissioner Lisa P. Soiseth – absent; Commissioner Christian Ornelas – yes; Commissioner Venita Rodman – absent; Commissioner Dianna Batts – yes; Commissioner Nancy A. Tessier – yes; Commissioner Joshua Swodeck – yes.

IN OPPOSITION: None

IN SUPPORT: None

DISCUSSION TIME: 1 minute (5:31 p.m. to 5:32 p.m.)

PUBLIC HEARING

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. CAC Resolution 2025 – 001 & CAC Resolution 2025 - 002

A motion by Chairperson Esparza, seconded by Commissioner Swodeck, carried by a unanimous vote of the members present (5-0-0-2) to approve both Resolutions no. 2025-001 & 2025-002.

Chairperson Jovani Esparza – yes; Commissioner Lisa P. Soiseth – absent; Commissioner Christian Ornelas - yes; Commissioner Venita Rodman – absent; Commissioner Dianna Batts – yes; Commissioner Nancy A. Tessier – yes; Commissioner Joshua Swodeck – yes.

IN OPPOSITION: None

IN SUPPORT: None

DISCUSSION TIME: 1 minute (5:33 p.m. to 5:34 p.m.)

2. 2025 Watercolor Contest

A motion by Commissioner Swodeck, seconded by Commissioner Ornelas, carried by a unanimous vote of the members present (5-0-0-2) to approve the 2025 Watercolor contest with the following changes to be made (1) the resolution approval of \$2,000.00 of AIPP funds be adjusted to include an additional \$100.00 award titled “Commission’s Choice” that can overlap with one of the other awards, and Artist fee of \$200 for leading the workshop, and a \$100.00 expense issued to the dA Center for the Arts for hosting the Exhibition (2) adding a watercolor approved medium guide (3) altering the language on the eligibility for the contest to reflect “Public Schools” in Pomona, CA instead of “Pomona Unified School District”

Chairperson Jovani Esparza – yes; Commissioner Lisa P. Soiseth – absent; Commissioner Christian Ornelas - yes; Commissioner Venita Rodman – absent; Commissioner Dianna Batts – yes; Commissioner Nancy A. Tessier – yes; Commissioner Joshua Swodeck – yes.

IN OPPOSITION: None

IN SUPPORT: None

DISCUSSION TIME: 18 minutes (5:35 p.m. to 5:53 p.m.)

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Deputy Director Khan stated that the Commissioners would receive badges for serving on the Commission.

Arts Coordinator Ayala mentioned some quick updates for the 2022 and 2024 Call for Art and Preservation. She said that for the 2022 Call for Art we have six active projects and 42 projects completed. She stated that for the 2024 Call for Art we have only two artists that are actively out there working, which are Joseph Walsh and East Side of the River organization. She mentioned that the Commission approved a resolution for a Preservation budget. She stated that we used \$28,862.22 out of the \$100,000 budget. She said that we have a few Murals that have been defaced with graffiti and would require the artist to fix it.

ADJOURNMENT

The Cultural Arts Commission meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Esparza at 6:22 p.m. to the next regular meeting of February 24, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall, Admin Board Room, 2nd Floor.

Respectfully submitted,

Prepared by,

Ata Khan
Deputy Director

Miroslava PourSanae
Administrative Assistant