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City of Pomona

Cultural Arts Commission

Draft Action Minutes

Chairperson Jovani Esparza
Vice-Chairperson Sophia Siqueiros
Commissioner Aida N. Lugo-Cantu
Commissioner Christian Ornelas
Commissioner Venita Rodman
Commissioner Dianna Batts
Commissioner Joshua Swodeck

September 23, 2024

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Vice-Chairperson Sophia Siqueiros called the Cultural Arts Commission meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice-Chairperson Sophia Siqueiros led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice-Chairperson Sophia Siqueiros
Commissioner Aida N. Lugo-Cantu
Commissioner Christian Ornelas
Commissioner Dianna Batts
Commissioner Joshua Swodeck

Absent: Chairperson Jovani Esparza
Commissioner Venita Rodman

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Commissioner Batts reminded everyone that on October 26 from 9am-5pm is Village Venture in Claremont.

Commissioner Ornelas asked staff if they received his email pertaining to the Pasadena sculpture program. Deputy Director Khan mentioned that he will set up a meeting to discuss further.

CONSENT CALENDAR

- 1. Approval of the Action Minutes from the May 20, 2024 June 24, 2024, and July 22, 2024 Cultural Arts Commission Meetings.**

A motion by Commissioner Swodeck, seconded by Vice-Chair Siqueiros, carried by a unanimous vote of the members present (5-0-0-2) to approve Action Minutes from May 20, June 24 & July 2024.

Chairperson Jovani Esparza – absent; Vice-Chairperson Sophia Siqueiros – yes; Commissioner Aida N. Lugo-Cantu – yes; Commissioner Christian Ornelas - yes; Commissioner Venita Rodman – absent; Commissioner Dianna Batts – yes; Commissioner Joshua Swodeck – yes.

IN OPPOSITION: None

IN SUPPORT: None

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

PUBLIC HEARING

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Call for Art – Part A (Qualifications Review)**

Staff facilitated a discussion on the process for reviewing the submission from Part A of the Hamilton Park and Garey Underpass Art Calls. Staff informed the Commission that we do not give extra points for residents of Pomona. Arts Coordinator Ayala said that the application does ask to mark the box if the applicant has a connection to our city.

Discussion only, no action taken.

DISCUSSION TIME: 12 minutes (5:35 p.m. to 5:47 p.m.)

2. Fiscal Year 23-24 Public Art Fund Budget Report

Deputy Director Khan reminded the Commission that two years ago as part of City Council youth commitment there was a clear split in the general public art fund and the youth art fund. He said that the intent is to dedicate 50% of the public art fund to be dedicated to the youth. He stated that last fiscal year we have expended \$630,594.11. He mentioned that it represents 26 projects and one award. He said that with our action plan tracking approximately \$1 million dollars to expend. He stated that the Garey Underpass is budgeted at \$250,000 and Hamilton Park project is \$100,000. He said we are spending the money appropriately.

Discussion only, no action taken.

DISCUSSION TIME: 11 minutes (5:48 p.m. to 5:59 p.m.)

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Deputy Director Khan introduced the new Director of DSD Betty Donavanik.

Director Donavanik stated that she worked for the City of El Monte and looks forward to working with the Commission.

Arts Coordinator Ayala provided updates from the 2022 Call. She stated that the Southern California Service Corp project at Philadelphia Park is finally completed. She said that Gary V. Lett has finished creating all the pieces for the Mosaic and each tile was custom made. She mentioned that the Mosaic is heavy, so it will be placed in the front of the wall instead of its proposed location. She said the Chalk Art Festival is scheduled for November 9 from 7:30am-2:45pm.

Commissioner Swodeck asked about the maintenance of projects.

Deputy Director Khan stated that we had a conversation with Public Works and their support to moving forward with an in-house employee to be a preservation for art.

Vice-Chair Siqueiros asked if there is a plan to have a ceremony or public event once all the artist complete the projects. Arts Coordinator Ayala stated yes.

ADJOURNMENT

The Cultural Arts Commission meeting was adjourned by Vice-Chairperson Siqueiros at 6:11 p.m. to the next regular meeting of October 28, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Prepared by,

Ata Khan
Deputy Director

Miroslava PourSanae
Administrative Assistant