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City of Pomona

Cultural Arts Commission

Action Minutes

Chairperson Dianna Batts
Vice-Chairperson Joshua Swodeck
Commissioner Dalet Ramos
Commissioner Jovani Esparza
Commissioner Fridah Sanchez
Commissioner Venita Reynolds
Commissioner Sophia Siqueiros

June 26, 2023

5:30 PM

Palomares Park Community Center

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Dianna Batts called the Cultural Arts Commission meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Palomares Park Community Center located at 499 E. Arrow Highway.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairperson Batts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairperson Dianna Batts
Vice-Chairperson Joshua Swodeck
Commissioner Dalet Ramos (arrived at 5:33 p.m.)
Commissioner Jovani Esparza
Commissioner Fridah Sanchez
Commissioner Venita Reynolds
Commissioner Sophia Siqueiros

Absent: None

Staff Present: Anita D. Gutierrez, Development Services Director
Ata Khan, Planning Manager
Jocelyn Ayala, Arts Coordinator

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION

Chairperson Batts stated that if there is any way as a Commission to show more support for the dA Center of the Arts.

Commissioner Reynolds agreed and said that she would like to see more collaborative engagement with the dA Center of the Arts.

Chairperson Batts asked if Worley has been paid for the work on the fountains located on Second Street.

Planning Manager Khan stated that the principal work of the fountains has been completed. He mentioned that DPOA has an agreement to maintain the water in the fountains.

Commissioner Reynolds asked about the Ted Greene Park restrooms and murals.

Planning Manager Khan stated that we are looking into this and meeting with Community Services.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of the May 22, 2023 Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Draft Action Minutes

A motion by Chairperson Dianna Batts, seconded by Vice-Chairperson Joshua Swodeck, carried by a unanimous vote of the members present (7-0-0-0) to approve the Action Minutes meeting of May 22, 2023.

Chairperson Dianna Batts – yes; Vice-Chairperson Joshua Swodeck – yes; Commissioner Dalet Ramos – yes; Commissioner Sanchez – yes; Commissioner Esparza – yes; Commissioner Reynolds – yes; Commissioner Siqueiros– yes.

IN OPPOSITION: None

IN SUPPORT: None

DISCUSSION TIME: 1 minute (5:38 p.m. to 5:39 p.m.)

PUBLIC HEARING

None

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Recommendation to Update Plaque Specifications

A motion by Vice-Chairperson Joshua Swodeck, seconded by Commissioner Fridah Sanchez, carried by a unanimous vote of the members present (7-0-0-0) to approve the resolution as presented by staff.

Chairperson Dianna Batts – yes; Vice-Chairperson Joshua Swodeck – yes; Commissioner Dalet Ramos – yes; Commissioner Sanchez – yes; Commissioner Esparza – yes; Commissioner Reynolds – yes; Commissioner Sisqueiros – yes.

IN OPPOSITION: None

IN SUPPORT: None

DISCUSSION TIME: 18 minutes (5:40 p.m. to 5:58 p.m.)

2. Recommendation to Approve Various Public Art Applications

A motion by Vice-Chairperson Joshua Swodeck, seconded by Commissioner Venita Reynolds, carried by a unanimous vote of the members present (7-0-0-0) to approve resolution approving the installation of eight (8) permanent murals, (2) programs and one (1) temporary mural located at several public parks and spaces in the amount of \$374, 247.00 (exhibit A) and recommending execution of an agreement between the City of Pomona and the approved list of call for visual art awardees (exhibit B).

Chairperson Dianna Batts – yes; Vice-Chairperson Joshua Swodeck – yes; Commissioner Dalet Ramos – yes; Commissioner Sanchez – yes; Commissioner Esparza – yes; Commissioner Reynolds – yes; Commissioner Sisqueiros – yes.

IN OPPOSITION: None

IN SUPPORT: None

DISCUSSION TIME: 2 minutes (5:59 p.m. to 6:01 p.m.)

3. Status Update on Proposed Public Art by Artist Alejandro Poli

A motion by Vice-Chairperson Joshua Swodeck, seconded by Commissioner Fridah Sanchez, carried by a 6 “yes” votes and 1 “no” vote of the members present (6-1-0-0) to approve with alterations to the background color and an addition of information that is included in the art piece and not the plaque.

Chairperson Dianna Batts – no; Vice-Chairperson Joshua Swodeck – yes; Commissioner Dalet Ramos – yes; Commissioner Sanchez – yes; Commissioner Esparza – yes; Commissioner Reynolds – yes; Commissioner Sisqueiros – yes.

IN OPPOSITION: None

IN SUPPORT: None

DISCUSSION TIME: 26 minute (6:02 p.m. to 6:28 p.m.)

4. Status Update on Technical Assistance Applications for Memorial Park

A motion by Commissioner Fridah Sanchez, seconded by Commissioner Venita Reynolds, carried by a unanimous vote of the members present (7-0-0-0) to continue to work with Ben Frank’s mural for the whole building of Memorial Park Community Center and move Keena Azania Romano to another location; staff will bring forward a resolution of approval for Ben Frank’s Mural.

Chairperson Dianna Batts – yes; Vice-Chairperson Joshua Swodeck – yes; Commissioner Dalet Ramos – yes; Commissioner Sanchez – yes; Commissioner Esparza – yes; Commissioner Reynolds – yes; Commissioner Sisqueiros – yes.

IN OPPOSITION: None

IN SUPPORT: None

DISCUSSION TIME: 13 minutes (6:29 p.m. to 6:42 p.m.)

5. Discussion on Maintenance Plan for Existing Public Art Citywide

Discussion only, no action taken

IN OPPOSITION: None

IN SUPPORT: None

DISCUSSION TIME: 18 minutes (6:43 p.m. to 7:01 p.m.)

6. Discussion on Proposed Changes to Pomona Zoning Ordinance related to Public Art Fund

A motion by Vice-Chairperson Joshua Swodeck, seconded by Commissioner Venita Reynolds, carried by a unanimous vote of the members present (7-0-0-0) to recommend to the Planning Commission to move the public art fund from the zoning code to the City Code and approve the alteration of the CCACC to an Ad-Hoc Committee with intentional action to make it publically accessible.

Chairperson Dianna Batts – yes; Vice-Chairperson Joshua Swodeck – yes; Commissioner Dalet Ramos – yes; Commissioner Sanchez – yes; Commissioner Esparza – yes; Commissioner Reynolds – yes; Commissioner Sisqueiros – yes.

IN OPPOSITION: None

IN SUPPORT: None

DISCUSSION TIME: 17 minutes (7:02 p.m. to 7:19 p.m.)

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Planning Manager Khan stated that we are continuing to implement the Call for Art around the City.

Arts Coordinator Ayala mentioned that Ruben Young completed the front mural facing the Community Center in Westmont Park.

ADJOURNMENT

The Cultural Arts Commission meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Batts at 7:21 p.m. to the next Meeting of July 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Ata Khan
Planning Manager

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