



# 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*

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November 25, 2024

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Jovani Esparza called the Cultural Arts Commission meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

#### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairperson Jovani Esparza led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chairperson Jovani Esparza  
Vice-Chairperson Sophia Siqueiros  
Commissioner Christian Ornelas  
Commissioner Dianna Batts  
Commissioner Joshua Swodeck

Absent: Commissioner Aida N. Lugo-Cantu  
Commissioner Venita Rodman

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

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION**

Commissioner Swodeck stated that he is on the Parade Committee but will not ride in the parade and asked if any of the Commissioners will be interested in riding in a car.

Commissioner Siqueiros stated that she was unable to attend the Chalk Festival because of a work commitment. She did see the recap videos on social media and it looked like a fabulous event. She congratulated Jocelyn on a successful event.

Commissioner Batts asked if she is able to attend the next meeting via Zoom.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

### **1. Approval of the Action Minutes from the October 28, 2024 Cultural Arts Commission Meeting.**

**A motion by Commissioner Batts, seconded by Commissioner Esparza, carried by a unanimous vote of the members present (5-0-0-2) to approve Action Minutes from October 28, 2024.**

Chairperson Jovani Esparza – yes; Vice-Chairperson Sophia Siqueiros – yes; Commissioner Aida N. Lugo-Cantu – absent; 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. Hamilton Park Art Call (Part: Proposal) and Garey Underpass Art Call (Part B: Proposal) Stipends**

**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 artist stipends for Artists of Hamilton Park Art Call (\$500 each) and Garey Underpass Art Call (\$600 each).**

Chairperson Jovani Esparza – yes; Vice-Chairperson Sophia Siqueiros – yes; Commissioner

Aida N. Lugo-Cantu – absent; Commissioner Christian Ornelas - yes; Commissioner Venita Rodman – absent; Commissioner Dianna Batts – yes; Commissioner Joshua Swodeck – yes.

**IN OPPOSITION:** None

**IN SUPPORT:** None

**DISCUSSION TIME:** 4 minutes (5:35 p.m. to 5:39 p.m.)

### **STAFF COMMUNICATION 17-**

Arts Coordinator Ayala mentioned that the submission for Part B is due on December 2 for the artist. She said that the Garey Underpass will be placed in the lobby at City Hall and we will release the Hamilton Park proposals on social media to get public comment. She said there is a conflict of schedule with a few committee members, so we will pivot the meeting on December 10 at 5pm. She stated that the Garey Underpass will take place on December 9 at 5pm. She stated that the Commission review will take place on December 12 at 5:30 p.m. She mentioned that we are still on the timeline for project execution happening in February with the completion day of May 30.

Arts Coordinator Ayala mentioned that Commissioner Ornelas brought up a sculpture program and asked staff to bring something similar to the City of Pomona. She said that she has reached out to the Arts Coordinator from the City of Pasadena. She stated that we had a good turnout at the Chalk Art Festival with 123 participants and over 200 people attended the event.

Arts Coordinator Ayala provided updates on the 2022 Call for Arts. She said we have seven projects that are active and 41 completed and two that are on CIP holds. She mentioned that we are discussing the project for Martin Luther King with Public Works and it is moving forward. She stated that we are meeting with 3B Collective to change the lighting and signage and will be done by January.

Arts Coordinator Ayala provided updates on the 2024 Call for Arts. She said Joseph Welch is steadily completing the work and has completed one wall. She mentioned that East Side of the River started preparing the walls. She stated that we are moving with our licenser agreement for private property with the Artist David Young Kim. She said we are having communication issues with PUSD and so is the Artist Carly Lake of Emerson Middle School.

Arts Coordinator Ayala provided updates on preservation maintenance. She stated that Ruben Young had four murals that have been vandalized, but he has repaired three murals. She mentioned that the Imagining Tomorrow Aspiration at Mt. View Park took a little bit longer to get off the ground due to an incident that happen that required Public Works to remove part of the Mural by the entrance.

Deputy Director Khan reminded the Commission about the next meeting being scheduled on Thursday, December 12, 2024. Commissioner Swodeck said he may be about 20-30 minutes late due to overlapping meetings.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Cultural Arts Commission meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Esparza at 5:51 p.m. to the next regular meeting of December 12, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Prepared by,

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Deputy Director

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Administrative Assistant