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# City of Pomona

## Cultural Arts Commission Citizens Advisory Committee

### Action Minutes

*Chairperson Joshua Swodeck*  
*Vice-Chairperson Alycia Anthony*  
*Committee Member Dianna Batts*  
*Committee Member Venita Reynolds*  
*Committee Member David M. Oliver*  
*Committee Member Samantha Montag*  
*Committee Member Julian Lucas*

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Monday, July 26, 2021

4:30 PM

Via Video Conference

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Swodeck called the Cultural Arts Commission Citizens Advisory Committee meeting to order at 4:36 p.m. via video conference.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Committee Member Batts led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: Chairperson Joshua Swodeck  
Vice-Chairperson Alycia Anthony  
Committee Member Dianna Batts  
Committee Member Venita Reynolds  
Committee Member David M. Oliver  
Committee Member Julian Lucas

Absent: Committee Member Samantha Montag

Staff Present: Ata Khan, Planning Manager  
Alina Barron, Assistant Planner

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATION**

Vice-Chairperson Anthony asked if we would be replacing Committee Member Montag seat. She asked that we tap into the existing applicant poll.

Commissioner Oliver stated that there will be Pomona Valley Artist family picnic on August 15, 2021.

## **CONSENT CALENDAR**

1. Approval of Draft Cultural Arts Commission Citizens Advisory Committee Action Minutes meeting of June 28, 2021.

**A motion was made by Commissioner Reynolds, seconded by Commissioner Oliver, carried by a unanimous vote of the members present (6-0-0-1) to approve the Action Minutes meeting of June 28, 2021.**

Chairperson Joshua Swodeck - yes; Vice-Chairperson Alycia Anthony - yes; Committee Member Batts – yes; Committee Member Reynolds – yes; Committee Member Oliver - yes, Committee Member Montag – absent; Committee Member Lucas – yes.

**OPPOSITION:** None

**IN SUPPORT:** None

**DISCUSSION TIME:** 1 minute (4:35 p.m. to 4:36 p.m.)

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Conceptual Design Plan (PUBART 16327-2021) **(Continued from June 28, 2021)**

Ata Khan, Planning Manager, stated that this item is a conceptual design plan that would not be funded by the public art fund or seeking city funding. He said that the applicant is satisfying the art in public places requirement, which is the 1% requirement, by providing the art themselves. He mentioned that because of this, they do have to go through a conceptual and final design plan and we encourage private developers to reach out to local artists.

Committee Member Alycia Anthony asked about the process of denying a conceptual design plan.

Ata Khan stated that the applicant could still move forward with the final design plan without committee recommendation for the Commission to consider. He said that the applicant can pay the in lieu fee notwithstanding that for this particular development that is a condition of approval for this project.

Committee Member Lucas commented on the influence of transportation (ship) for this conceptual design plan.

Committee Member Reynolds stated that she would eliminate the whole ship concept, because she does not think it is relevant.

Commissioner Batts stated that she does not see how this design relates to Pomona.

Commissioner Swodeck stated that he does not think it fits in that space.

**A motion was made by Chair Swodeck, Seconded by Commissioner Oliver to deny the conceptual design plan; motion failed, it was not further entertained by the Committee.**

**A motion was made by Vice-Chair Anthony, seconded by Commissioner Oliver, carried by a unanimous vote of the members present (6-0-0-1) to have the artist bring back two completely different options of the conceptual design plan.**

Chairperson Joshua Swodeck - yes; Vice-Chairperson Alycia Anthony - yes; Committee Member Batts – yes; Committee Member Reynolds – yes; Committee Member Oliver - yes, Committee Member Montag – absent; Committee Member Lucas – yes.

**OPPOSITION:** Gloria Almanza spoke in opposition of this project.

**IN SUPPORT:** The applicant spoke in support of this project.  
Jeff, developer, spoke in support of this project.

**DISCUSSION TIME:** 51 minutes (4:43 p.m. to 5:34 p.m.)

## 2. Ad-Hoc Committee Report on Citywide Call for Artists.

Ata Khan, Planning Manager, opened the discussion on this item. He said that he met with Committee Member Lucas, Oliver, and Anthony about two weeks ago to discuss the concept of a call for artist to summarize where we would like to go with this committee. He mentioned that we would want to survey the community on themes and interests of what they would like to see, where they would like to see it for our public art and the use of public art fund. He mentioned that staff's approach is to spend the next 30 days to get a draft survey out to the community and leave it on our website about three weeks.

**Discussion only, no action taken.**

**OPPOSITION:** None

**IN SUPPORT:** None

**DISCUSSION TIME:** 1 minute (5:37 p.m. to 5:38 p.m.)

## **STAFF COMMUNICATION**

Ata Khan, Planning Manager, did not report to the Committee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Cultural Arts Commission Citizens Advisory Committee meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Swodeck at 5:39 p.m. to the next scheduled meeting of August 23, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Prepared by,

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Planning Manager

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Administrative Assistant