

# Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Agenda Announcement

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**AGENDA  
CITY OF WHITTIER  
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 13230 PENN STREET  
AUGUST 22, 2022, 6:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Caroline Medrano, Commissioner  
Beth Robinson, Commissioner  
Chris Rubalcaba, Commissioner  
Pamela Korporaal, Commissioner  
Christine Singer-Luna, Chair

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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Pursuant to State law, the Commission cannot take action or express a consensus of approval or disapproval on any communications which do not appear on the printed agenda.

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

**5.A. Approval of Minutes**

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 25, 2022.

**5.B. Whittier Laureate Program**

Recommendation: Discuss establishing the first Whittier Laureate Program.

**6. SECRETARY COMMENTS**

**7. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS/CONFERENCE REPORTS**

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

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I hereby certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted in accordance with the applicable legal requirements. Regular and Adjourned Regular meeting agendas may be amended up to 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August 2022.

/s/ Roxanne Gonzalez

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Roxanne Gonzalez, Administrative Secretary



# Agenda Report

Cultural Arts Commission

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**Date:** August 22, 2022

**To:** Cultural Arts Commission

**From:** Virginia Santana, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services

**Subject:** Approval of Minutes

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 25, 2022.

## **BACKGROUND**

None.

## **DISCUSSION**

Staff prepared draft minutes and hereby submits the Minutes for Commission approval.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

None.

## **STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL**

Goal 4: Transparent & Open Government

## **ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 25, 2022

**MINUTES  
CITY OF WHITTIER  
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 13230 PENN STREET  
JULY 25, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Singer-Luna called the regular meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission to order at 6:05 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Whittier City Hall, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, California.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Pamela Korporaal, Commissioner  
Caroline Medrano, Commissioner  
Christine Singer-Luna, Chair

**ABESNT:** None.

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Virginia Santana, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services  
Erin Hamilton, Community Services Manager  
Dennis Cujak, Community Services Supervisor  
Stacey Arismendez, Community Services Supervisor

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Medrano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Fred Zermano**

President of the Whittier Regional Symphony stated that California State Legislature AB5 passed and signed Assembly Bill No. 2257 which immediately effected artists, and musicians. The Whittier Regional Symphony was positively affected from this action.

**Jeanette Kelley**

Jeanette Kelley asked the Commission to establish a Poet Laureate. Ms. Kelley read a poem, Missed Opportunity, connecting local artists to cultural events within the City. The City sponsored programs within the Library and Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Departments, along with local galleries, the Uptown Association and additional local artist communities, provide an environment suitable for enthusiastic participation in such a program. Isn't it time to have a Poet Laureat?

**5. OATH OF OFFICE**

**5.A. OATH**

Oath of office was administered to Chris Rubalcaba.  
Oath of office was administered to Beth Robinson.

## **6. STAFF REPORTS**

### **6.A. Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Commissioner Korporaal, seconded by Commissioner Medrano, and carried 3-0-with two abstentions, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 27, 2022.

### **6.B. Election of Officers**

Commissioner Korporaal nominated Chair Singer-Luna to continue as Chair of the Cultural Arts Commission for another year. Chair Singer-Luna accepted the nomination.

It was moved by Commissioner Korporaal, seconded by Commissioner Medrano and carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the election of Chair Singer-Luna as Chair for the Cultural Arts Commission.

Chair Singer-Luna nominated Commissioner Korporaal for Vice-Chair of the Cultural Arts Commission. Commissioner Korporaal accepted the nomination.

It was moved by Chair Singer-Luna, seconded by Commissioner Medrano, carried by a roll call vote of 5-0 to approve the election of Commissioner Korporaal as Vice-Chair for the Cultural Arts Commission.

### **6.C. Sub-Committee Assignments**

Secretary Santana explained to Commissioners the six different sub-committees and their commitment to each position. Chair Singer-Luna opened the discussion to elect a representative for each of the sub-committees. Commissioner Robinson and Vice Chair Korporaal were nominated for the Lobby Art Program; Commissioner Rubalcaba and a Commissioner to be appointed were nominated to the Street Banner Program; Commissioner Robinson and Vice Chair Korporaal were nominated for Art in Public Places; Commissioner Rubalcaba and Chair Singer-Luna were nominated for Chalktastic; Commissioner Robinson and Commissioner Rubalcaba were nominated for the Concerts in the Park; and Chair Singer-Luna and a Commissioner to be appointed were nominated for the Whittier Beautification Program.

It was moved by Commissioner Rubalcaba, seconded by Commissioner Medrano, and carried 5-0 to approve the selected Commissioners for the Lobby Art Program, Street Banner Program, Chalktastic, AIPP Committee, Concerts in the Park, and the Whittier Beautification Sub-Committees.

## **7. SECRETARY'S COMMENTS**

Secretary Santana updated the Commission on upcoming events. The City is trying to recruit one more member for the Cultural Arts Commission. She thanked the Commissioners for their patience and said we are happy to have the new members on board. Our Concert Series continues, crowd is growing slowly but surely. We hosted six concerts at York Field last year, but we returned with a 12-summer concert series at Central Park and Parnell Park this year. Thursday, July 28, Hard Day's Night will perform at Parnell Park.

Lobby Artist, Alisha Oseguera, has art currently displayed in the City Hall lobby and we will have a reception for the artist scheduled soon. Staff will notify Commissioners of the upcoming reception date. The Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day Memorial, Honoring Jose Ramos will be unveiled on August 19 at 1:00 p.m.

Supervisor Cujak updated the Commission on the schedule for Lobby artists for the remainder of the year. Ashley Oseguera is currently exhibiting at City Hall, and Jeff Lough will be at Parnell Park. In addition, Keith Durflinger will have an exhibit, and the class that he teaches will also host a show at City Hall later this year. Finally, Chyna Monoforte and Bryan Davis will help round out the year with their installations displayed before the holidays. A draft of the Chalktastic flyer was provided to each Commissioner, illustrating the event date as October 15, 2022.

Manger Hamilton updated the Commission on Youth Sports, Senior programming, Aquatics, and Adaptive Recreation program

## **8. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Chair Korporaal would like to put the Poet Laureate on the agenda for the next Commission meeting. The Commission unanimously recommends putting the Poet Laureate on the next Agenda.

Commissioner Medrano thanked Virginia and her staff for being transparent and making sure that Jose Ramos's Memorial stays at Central Park. City Council had to listen to both opinions about the piece and staff made it easy for them to make an informed and intelligent decision based on all their hard work.

Chair Singer Luna thanked the staff for their time tonight and for doing what they are doing. She thanked Supervisor Cujak, for all the time he has given to the Parks, Recreation, & Community Services Department.

Vice Chair Korporaal wished Supervisor Cujak a happy retirement. She also welcomed the new Commissioners to the group.

Chair Singer-Luna wants to thank Commissioner Medrano for her time on the Commission and for extending it due to the pandemic. She also would like to discuss hosting a Hollywood Bowl trip for next season.

Commissioner Rubalcaba said he was thankful to be here.

Commissioner Robinson said she was thankful and excited to be here.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the Cultural Arts Commission on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Virginia Santana, Secretary





# Agenda Report

Cultural Arts Commission

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**Date:** August 22, 2022

**To:** Cultural Arts Commission

**From:** Virginia Santana, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services

**Subject:** Whittier Laureate Program

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Discuss establishing the first Whittier Laureate Program.

## **BACKGROUND**

At the July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022, Commission meeting, resident Jeanette Kelley made a public comment asking the Cultural Arts Commission to establish a Whittier Laureate Program. She listed the programs and arts currently supported by the City. She also provided background information on other Poet Laureate groups established by other cities.

## **DISCUSSION**

During the Commissioner comments the Commission asked if the Poet Laureate could be added to the next agenda for discussion.

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with the report.

## **STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL**

Goal 4: Transparent & Open Government

## **ATTACHMENTS**

None.