

**AGENDA
CITY OF WHITTIER
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 13230 PENN STREET
APRIL 22, 2019, 6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Alberto Montes De Oca, Chair
Caroline Medrano, Vice Chair
Roberto Chavez, Commissioner
Bethany Gilbertson, Commissioner
Pamela Kinnaman-Korporaal, Commissioner

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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5. STAFF REPORTS

5.A. Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 25, 2019.

5.B. Committee Report

Recommendation: Receive and file the Visual Arts Program Committee report.

5.C. Community Services Division Presentation

Recommendation: Receive and file the Community Services Division's presentation focusing on Senior Services.

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 18th day of April 2019.

/s/ Sheryl Dugas

Sheryl Dugas, Administrative Secretary



Agenda Report

Cultural Arts Commission

Date: April 22, 2019

To: Cultural Arts Commission

From: Greg Alaniz, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services

Subject: Approval of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 25, 2019.

BACKGROUND

None

DISCUSSION

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

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 25, 2019.

**MINUTES
CITY OF WHITTIER
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 13230 PENN STREET
MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The Cultural Arts Commission of the City of Whittier met in Regular Session in the Whittier City Council Chambers, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, California. Chair Montes De Oca called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

**CULTURAL ARTS
COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Alberto Montes De Oca, Chair
Caroline Medrano, Vice Chair
Roberto Chavez, Commissioner
Bethany Gilbertson, Commissioner
Pamela Kinnaman-Korporaal, Commissioner

**CULTURAL ARTS
COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** None

OTHER OFFICIALS PRESENT: Greg Alaniz, Director of Parks, Recreation and
Community Services
Virginia Santana, Community Services Manager
Erin Hamilton, Community Services Supervisor
Sheryl Dugas, Administrative Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Commissioner Chavez led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Bob Marks, 6056 Friends Avenue, Professor of History at Whittier College, advised Commission that the college has received a gift of a public art piece by Chinese artist Wang Luyan. The piece will consist of ten individual sculptures, each approximately two meters high, called "The Walkers". They appear to be advancing and retreating simultaneously. This piece will be the artist's North American premier. Professor Marks invited Commission to attend the gala opening of the art piece on Sunday May 5, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Invitations will be forthcoming.

5. STAFF REPORTS:

5. A APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Commissioner Gilbertson, seconded by Commissioner Korporaal, and carried 5 – 0 to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 25, 2019.

5. B SUB-COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Secretary Alaniz advised that there is one vacancy on the Art in Public Places Advisory Committee and two vacancies on the Emerging Arts Program sub-committee. Commission discussed the assignments of the two sub-committees, and the meeting schedules.

It was moved by Commissioner Montes De Oca, seconded by Commissioner Chavez, and carried 5 – 0 to assign Commissioner Korporaal to fill the vacancy on the Art in Public Places Advisory Committee, and Vice Chair Medrano and Commissioner Gilbertson to fill the vacancies on the Emerging Arts sub-committee.

5. C COMMITTEE REPORTS

Community Services Supervisor Hamilton reported on the Visual Arts Committee and presented the current lobby art schedules for the City Hall and Parnell Park lobbies. There is one time slot to fill in August, on the Parnell schedule. Artist Patricia Woodhull has applied to have her art pieces displayed at Parnell Park. Commission viewed slides of Ms. Woodhull's multi-media work, and agreed that it is lively, fun, and different. Secretary Alaniz noted that City Council has directed staff to contact the East Whittier School District to discuss a showing of student artwork at one of the display locations. It was determined that August would not work for the district since the students will be on summer break. Ms. Hamilton suggested giving the students priority for a slot on next year's schedule. Chair Montes De Oca requested staff contact Ms. Woodhull about displaying her art pieces in the Parnell Park Community/Senior Center lobby, in the August time slot that is currently unfilled.

It was moved by Chair Montes De Oca, seconded by Commissioner Chavez, and carried 5 – 0 to direct staff to contact Ms. Woodhull regarding displaying her artwork at Parnell Park in August.

5.D WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS MEMORIAL – HONORING JOSE RAMOS

Community Services Manager, Virginia Santana, presented the current rendition of the proposed art piece honoring Vietnam Veterans and Mr. Ramos. Mr. Wayne Healy and Mr. Patricio Villagomez, artists from East Los Streetscapers, were present to answer Commission's questions. Ms. Santana updated Commission on the process leading up to this presentation. She reported that no responses to the original Request for Proposal (RFP) were received. The deadline was extended, and one proposal was received from Mr.

Healy and his team. Commission viewed the first proposal presented to the Art in Public Places Advisory Committee (AIPP), a drawing of the proposed location, and a photo demonstrating the approximate height (9'-10') of the proposed art piece. Ms. Santana explained that AIPP had many questions, which were answered by Mr. Healy. She also stated that AIPP was diligent in their consideration of the proposal, including the "feeling" of the piece, honor to all veterans, security, resistance to vandalism, and colors used. Commission viewed a "mock-up" of the revised proposed art piece. It was noted that the current rendition includes representation of all branches of the military, a more accurate representation of Mr. Ramos, and softer colors, all in response to AIPP concerns. Commissioner Chavez voiced his concerns about the bicycle and "W" on top of the art piece.

It was moved by Chair Montes de Oca, seconded by Commissioner Chavez, and carried 5 – 0 to recommend City Council proceed with the purchase and installation of the proposed art piece honoring Jose Ramos.

6. SECRETARY'S COMMENTS

Secretary Alaniz advised Commission of the following coming events:

- This year's Eggxtravaganza event will take place on Saturday, April 13, 2019, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Parnell Park, 15390 Lambert Road. There will be egg hunts, photos with the Easter Bunny, inflatable attractions, face painting, a family faire, and more.
- The Whittier Community Foundation will be hosting their annual "Dancing with the Whittier Stars" fund raising event on Wednesday, May 8, 2019. There will be shows at 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. The event will take place at the Community Center, at 7630 Washington Ave.
- Founders Day will take place on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at Central Park. The event will feature various displays, demonstrations, youth dance groups, and "unique" entertainment. Commissioner Korporaal noted that the Arts Connect members would like to see the hours of the event extended, and questioned the effect this might have on the City. Secretary Alaniz noted that it may be possible to increase the hours of the picnic in the future, however, there is not budget available for this year's event to run longer. Commissioner Chavez stated that he is on the Board of the Founders Day program and has explained to them that discussion has to start much earlier to consider changing the hours. Ms. Santana noted that more volunteers would be needed to help defray the increase in City costs for an extended event.

7. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Korporaal reported that Arts Connect recently met to discuss their participation in the upcoming Founders Day Picnic and Santa Fe Springs Art Fest.

Commissioner Gilbertson questioned if it would be possible to switch her Lobby Art showing at City Hall, with Patricia Woodhull's at Parnell Park. She noted that her project is a larger format, which might be better suited to the Parnell Park Community Center space. Ms. Hamilton said this switch could be made, with Commission's approval.

Vice Chair Medrano thanked Commission and staff for the Hollywood Bowl programs selected for this coming season. Ms. Hamilton reported that two busses are scheduled for Earth, Wind and Fire, and 26 tickets have already been sold. In addition, there will be one bus for Pink Martini, and two tickets have been sold. Information will be available on social media, and at the Whittier Chamber of Commerce.

Commissioner Chavez provided information to Commission on the Congressional Art Competition hosted by Congresswoman Linda Sanchez. This program is open to all High School students residing within the 38th District. There will be reception for the participants on Wednesday, April 24, at Parnell Park. He also noted that the reception for the Hillcrest artists' display would take place at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, at Parnell Park. Commissioner Chavez noted that the Art Center College of Design would hold their graduation ceremonies on April 25, 2019 at the Pasadena Convention Center. He also stated that the Art in Public Places Advisory Committee has worked very hard on the Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Memorial – Honoring Jose Ramos project and the only concern is the height of the art piece and it not conflicting with its surroundings.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Montes De Oca adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the Cultural Arts Commission on _____.

/s/

GREG ALANIZ, Secretary



Agenda Report

Cultural Arts Commission

Date: April 22, 2019

To: Cultural Arts Commission

From: Greg Alaniz, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services

Subject: Committee Report

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file the Visual Arts Program Committee report.

BACKGROUND

None

DISCUSSION

Commission will be updated on the Visual Arts Program.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

None



Agenda Report

Cultural Arts Commission

Date: April 22, 2019

To: Cultural Arts Commission

From: Greg Alaniz, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services

Subject: Community Services Division Presentation

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file the Community Services Division's presentation focusing on Senior Services.

BACKGROUND

The Uptown and Parnell Park Senior Centers present a comprehensive program of human services and recreation activities for the mature adult, 55 years of age and older. These facilities offer drop-in programs as well as educational classes, special events, lectures, health screenings, exercise programs, volunteer opportunities, and much more. Membership to the centers is \$3 per year for Seniors 55 years of age and older. Benefits include discounts for special events, dances, trips, as well as early bird sign-ups for the trips. Also offered are an array of fun and healthy activities along with recreation/instruction classes.

DISCUSSION

Staff prepared the Community Services Division's presentation focusing on Senior Services.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

None