

**AGENDA
CITY OF WHITTIER
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 13230 PENN STREET
SEPTEMBER 23, 2019, 6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Pamela Korporaal, Chair
Bethany Gilbertson, Vice Chair
Roberto Chavez, Commissioner
Caroline Medrano, Commissioner
Alberto Montes De Oca, 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 August 26, 2019.

5.B. Committee Reports

Recommendation: Receive and file Committee reports. Consider Committees' recommendations for approval.

5.C. City of Whittier Homeless Plan Implementation

Recommendation: Receive and file update on City of Whittier Homeless Plan implementation.

5.D. Community Services Division's Presentation

Recommendation: Receive and file the Community Services Division's presentation focusing on Youth 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 20th day of September 2019.

/s/ Sheryl Dugas

Sheryl Dugas, Administrative Secretary



Agenda Report

Cultural Arts Commission

Date: September 23, 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 August 26, 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 August 26, 2019

**MINUTES
CITY OF WHITTIER
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 13230 PENN STREET
AUGUST 26, 2019 – 6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice Chair Medrano called the regular meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission to order at 6:04 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Whittier City hall, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, California.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Caroline Medrano, Vice Chair
Roberto Chavez, Commissioner
Pamela Korporaal, Commissioner

ABSENT: Alberto Montes De Oca, Chair
Bethany Gilbertson, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:

Greg Alaniz, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Virginia Santana, Community Services Manager
Dennis Cujak, Community Services Supervisor
Sheryl Dugas, Administrative Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Korporaal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.A. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Chavez, seconded by Commissioner Korporaal, and carried 3 – 0 (absent: Chair Montes De Oca, Commissioner Gilbertson) to approve the Minutes of the June 24, 2019 Regular meeting.

5.B. Election of Officers

Following discussion of members' availability, and desire, to serve in the Chair and Vice Chair positions, it was moved by Commissioner Chavez, seconded by Vice Chair Medrano, and carried 3 – 0 (absent: Chair Montes De Oca and Commissioner Gilbertson) to elect Commissioner Korporaal as Chair and Commissioner Gilbertson as Vice Chair for FY 2019-20.

Newly elected Chair Korporaal took over the meeting.

5.C. Committee Reports

1. Hollywood Bowl

Secretary Alaniz reported that there were six tickets unsold for the Pink Martini concert. He noted that he was at the concert himself and it was great. Chair Korporaal stated that she had attended also and she thought the entire concert was great and the opening group was fantastic. The music was very eclectic. Chair Korporaal noted that the highlight of the night for her was the performance by the four Von Trapp grandchildren. She also stated that staff did a great job. Secretary Alaniz reported that there would be three busses, approximately 150 people, going to see Earth, Wind and Fire, in two weeks. Chair Korporaal, Commissioner Medrano, Community Services Manager, Virginia Santana, and Secretary Alaniz all stated that they would be part of the group going.

2. Summer Concert Series

Secretary Alaniz reported that all of the concerts were well attended, and there were great bands this year. He noted that the Selena tribute had the largest audience, with approximately 4,500 + people in attendance. Overall, it was a great season with no major issues. Secretary Alaniz commended staff for a fantastic job on the entire series. Chair Korporaal noted that she went to the Selena tribute concert and the crowd was overwhelming. She also stated that all PRCS staff members were great.

2. Emerging Arts

Community Services Manager, Virginia Santana, reported on the Emerging Arts program. The Volunteer Program was an integral part of the program with the participants taking the lead from the beginning of the project. The Participants worked on the project at each of the summer concerts as well as the Whittier Art Stroll in the Uptown District. The final piece will be on display at City Hall for approximately one month. The project consisted of hand shaped paper cutouts that participants decorated using watercolors or a colored tissue paper technique. The hands were then mounted on large display boards appearing to reach for the stars. Ms. Santana reported that Vice Chair Gilbertson was a great help and instrumental in the success of the project. The committee is working on ideas for next year.

3. The "W"

Secretary Alaniz reported that with the event coming in November, and only five new artists submitting pieces for review it might be time for Commission to discuss whether to move forward with the event or consider suspending it for this year with a possible return in the future. Commissioner Chavez acknowledged the expense of the event and budgetary concerns. Commission discussed the increase in the Chalktastic participation and the reduction attendance of the "W" event, possibly due to all of the other art events taking place in surrounding cities. Commissioner Medrano commented that the Chalktastic event "exploded". Secretary Alaniz noted

that the Chalktastic event could be done by itself or “piggy back” onto another event. Secretary Alaniz requested clarification that the Commission would consider foregoing the “W” and enlarging the Chalktastic event and moving it to City Hall. Community Services Manager, Santana, noted that sponsorships would be sought to help with event costs. Chair Korporaal suggested tapping into the “W” artist’s database to promote participation in the Lobby Art program. She also noted that there are quite a few other opportunities in the community for art events, and that Arts Connect continues to grow.

It was moved by Chair Korporaal, seconded by Commissioner Medrano, and carried 3 – 0 (absent: Chair Montes De Oca and Commissioner Gilbertson) to receive and file Committee Reports regarding the Hollywood Bowl, Summer Concert Series, Emerging Arts, and the “W”.

5.D. Community Services Division Presentation

Secretary Alaniz introduced Community Services Supervisor, Dennis Cujak to give his PowerPoint presentation on Contract Classes, highlighting the following topics:

- Contract Classes – offering many classes in various categories
- Independent Contract Instructors – 60+ contract instructors
- Activity Locations – activities scheduled at 20+ facilities
- Brochures – published quarterly: Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall
- WhittierRec.com – activity registration and facility rental payments
- Program Registration – total registrations of residents and non-residents
- Monthly E-Blasts – upcoming PRCS events highlighted

6. SECRETARY’S COMMENTS

Secretary Alaniz advised Commission of the following”

- The Whittier Nights at the Hollywood Bowl program will hold its last event of the season on Saturday, September 14, 2019, with 3 busses taking participants to see Earth, Wind and Fire. Busses leave City Hall promptly at 5:30 p.m. This event is sold out.
- The Art in Public Places art piece, “Solar Tree” is progressing and will be received in approximately two months.
- The Art in Public Places Advisory Committee will review the latest version of the proposed Jose Ramos art piece on August 28, 2019.
- The Request for Proposal for the York Field art piece will be presented to City Council on August 27, 2019.

7. COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

- Commissioner Chavez reported that beginning September 10, 2019 he will be working in conjunction with the Whittier Museum on an art exhibit of various

artifacts, uniforms, signs, etc. from the Nelles School. The display will be in the Whittier City Hall lobby. He also commented on the Pride Festival taking place in Central Park on September 28, 2019.

- Commissioner Medrano thanked staff for the success of the Summer Concert Series, Emerging Arts Program and the Commissioners' picnic. She noted that everyone was very happy. She also voiced her support for the upcoming Pride Festival.
- Chair Korporaal noted that she had attended many of the concerts; it was a great program, and attracted very interesting crowds.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Korporaal adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the Cultural Arts Commission on _____.

Greg Alaniz, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services



Agenda Report

Cultural Arts Commission

Date: September 23, 2019

To: Cultural Arts Commission

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

Subject: Committee Reports

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file the following Committees' reports and consider Committees' recommendations for approval:

1. Hollywood Bowl
2. Lobby Art
3. Banner Program

BACKGROUND

None

DISCUSSION

Commission will be updated on Committees' reports.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

None



Agenda Report

Cultural Arts Commission

Date: September 23, 2019

To: Cultural Arts Commission

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

Subject: City of Whittier Homeless Plan Implementation

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file update on City of Whittier Homeless Plan implementation.

BACKGROUND

At the July 24, 2018 City Council Meeting, Council adopted the City of Whittier Homeless Plan.

The homeless plan provides a framework, and establishes four goals with supporting action items, for preventing and combatting homelessness over the next three years. The plan includes key supporting actions the City has undertaken to improve existing services and programs, increase service access, identify and strengthen local and regional partnerships, and provide outreach and information to the community regarding homelessness. The plan includes ideas from the two consultants who worked on the plan, Whittier Police Department, Whittier First Day, Social Services Commissioners, and comments from the community meetings, community surveys, and stakeholder interviews. The plan recognizes the need for additional resources to address the homeless issues in the City, and to provide information to the community on the work being done. Metrics for each goal have been set, as appropriate, in coordination with the County and homeless prevention experts over the course of the life of the plan.

DISCUSSION

Staff will update Commission on City of Whittier Homeless Plan implementation.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

None



Agenda Report

Cultural Arts Commission

Date: September 23, 2019

To: Cultural Arts Commission

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

Subject: Community Services Division's Presentation

RECOMMENDATION

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

BACKGROUND

The Community Services, Youth Services Division, oversees various programs benefitting the youth of Whittier.

DISCUSSION

Staff has prepared a presentation focusing on Youth Services programming. This includes the popular Whittier Youth Network (WYN) Club program, which is a drop-in recreation program, available during the after-school hours at several school sites and during the summer months at various park locations. They also oversee the Summer Day Camp, Students Run Whittier, Students in Government, and the VolunTEEN programs.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

ATTACHMENTS

None