

Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Agenda Announcement

On March 12, 2020, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order No. N-25-20, which allows Brown Act Body members to attend meetings telephonically. Please be advised that some, or all, Whittier Cultural Arts Commission Members may attend this meeting telephonically.

Consistent with mandates of Executive Order No. N-29-20, a physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting or offer public comment will not be made available. City Hall will not be open to the public for this meeting; however public comments and viewing options are provided below.

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- Email: ltrinh@cityofwhittier.org
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Americans with Disabilities Act

Disability-related services are available to enable persons with a disability to participate in this meeting, consistent with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Spanish interpreters are also available. For information or to request services, please contact the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting at (562) 567-9400.

**AGENDA
CITY OF WHITTIER
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 13230 PENN STREET
JULY 27, 2020, 6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Pamela Korporaal, Chair
Bethany Gilbertson, Vice Chair
Octavio Martinez, Commissioner
Caroline Medrano, Commissioner
Christine Singer-Luna, Commissioner

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public is invited to address the Cultural Arts Commission regarding any item of business, or any matter within the bodies subject matter jurisdiction. Consistent with Executive Order No. N-29-20 public comments can be made via:

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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 February 24, 2020.

5.B. Election of Officers

Recommendation: Commission will elect officers for FY 2020-21.

6. SECRETARY COMMENTS

7. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS/CONFERENCE REPORTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

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Los servicios relacionados con la discapacidad están disponibles para permitir que las personas con discapacidad participen en esta reunión, de conformidad con la Ley Federal de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades de 1990. También hay intérpretes en español disponibles. Para obtener información o para solicitar servicios, comuníquese con el Departamento de Recreación y Parques al Servicio a la Comunidad al menos de 24 de horas antes de la reunión al (562) 567-9400.

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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 24th day of July 2020.

/s/ Lanie Trinh

Lanie Trinh, Administrative Secretary



Agenda Report

Cultural Arts Commission

Date: July 27, 2020

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 February 24, 2020.

BACKGROUND

None.

DISCUSSION

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

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2020.

**MINUTES
CITY OF WHITTIER
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 13230 PENN STREET
FEBRUARY 24, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

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

**2. ROLL CALL
PRESENT:**

Pamela Korporaal, Chair
Bethany Gilbertson, Vice Chair
Octavio Martinez, Commissioner
Caroline Medrano, Commissioner

ABSENT: Christine Singer-Luna, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:

Virginia Santana, Interim Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Erin Hamilton, Community Services Supervisor
Amber Tovar, Office Specialist II

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Medrano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.A. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Vice Chair Gilbertson, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, and carried 4 – 0 (absent: Commissioner Singer-Luna) to approve the Minutes of the January 27, 2020 Regular meeting.

5.B. Committee Reports

1. Street Banner Program

Erin Hamilton, Community Services Supervisor, shared that all of the submissions were reviewed at the Community Center where Commissioner Martinez and Commissioner Singer met with staff to make the final selections. 120 banners were chosen, with a couple of alternates. Staff sent out notifications to those selected, banners were ordered and will be

available for pick up in March. The artists will have six weeks to recreate their submissions. In May, the banners will be up on Whittier Boulevard and Penn Street, where they will hang for three months. We will have all of the selected submissions on display at City Hall, with all of the others in alphabetical order in books so they can be seen during the reception on May 26, 2020, at 5:15 p.m. Parents and schools have the opportunity to purchase the banners for \$25 each, with all funds going back to the program. An invitation will be sent to the Commission for the reception.

2. Concerts in the Park

Ms. Hamilton confirmed that all of the bands had been booked for the summer. There were two Commissioners from the Cultural Arts Commission and two commissioners from the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission who helped make the selections. There are some returning bands, along with new bands. The Central Park Series will be kicked off with the band, T.V. Remotes. The band does television songs from the 1950's to now. This is going to be a big family-friendly night. The first Thursday night concert at Parnell Park will be Yachty by Nature doing a Sail Away to Summer with a nautical theme.

3. Emerging Arts

Ms. Santana shared that the sub-committee members would be getting together on February 25, 2020, at 9:00 a.m., to discuss their vision for the summer.

4. Art in Public Places Committee

Ms. Santana updated the Commission of the work that the Art in Public Places Committee has before them. The Committee will not be reviewing the artists' submissions for the art piece at York Field this month. They are waiting for the last of the four finalists submissions. The Committee will also be deciding if they wish to review the Art in Public Places Master Plan as a group or with a sub-committee. While reviewing the Master Plan, the Committee will be considering the addition of a Mural Policy. Questions were raised about the continuation of Chalktastic. Ms. Santana stated that it would depend on the budget.

It was moved by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Vice Chair Gilbertson, and carried 4 – 0 (absent: Commissioner Singer-Luna) to receive and file Committee Reports regarding the Street Banner Program, Concerts in the Park, Emerging Arts, and Art in Public Places Committee.

5.C. Whittier Nights at the Hollywood Bowl

Ms. Santana asked the Commission to review the choices available to them from the Hollywood Bowl Calendar for Saturday evenings. Discussion began regarding the different artists and the dates they are being presented. Since there were a few artists that were unknown to some of the Commissioners, Ms. Hamilton provided video samples. Time frames were questioned regarding when some of the options had last been attended. Also discussed was the process involved for ticket purchases, buses, and the groups that would appeal to the largest number of people. Ms. Hamilton informed the Commission that

each bus holds approximately 50 people, with the aim to have two buses minimum, with the addition of a third bus should the need arise, as well as the history of ticket sales. The Commission decided to attend The B-52s and Diana Ross concerts; purchasing an initial 100 tickets for each show.

It was moved by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Chair Korporaal, and carried 4– 0 (absent: Commissioner Singer-Luna) to plan the Whittier Nights at the Hollywood Bowl concerts for The B-52s and Diana Ross with the purchase of 100 tickets for each show.

5.D. Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial – Honoring Jose Ramos

Ms. Santana reviewed the information that artist, Wayne Healy provided. Mr. Healy answered all of the questions asked of him, in addition to going out to the new site to provide a visual of how the piece will fit at the new location of Central Park. Ms. Hamilton shared a view of Central Park, which allowed the Commissioners to view the location. The artist has made the requested adjustments to the location of the photos and medals, and has a recommendation for the side of the park that would provide the best visibility. Questions were posed regarding lighting, placement, size, and purpose of the art piece. A member of the audience, Alfred Lugo, made the comment that Central Park was the location where Jose Ramos began his trek to Washington D.C. Mrs. Jose Ramos, also in the audience, made mention of the fact that Whittier is the first city to have hosted the event Mr. Ramos created for Vietnam Veterans. Mr. Lugo wanted to make sure it was known that the American Legion has not in any way been involved with the process, since he has heard of them receiving credit from various sources. Ms. Santana stated that corrections would be made to previous notes. He wanted to express his appreciation for the time invested in seeing the Welcome Home Vietnam Veteran’s Memorial – Honoring Jose Ramos Art Piece come to fruition.

It was moved by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Vice Chair Gilbertson, and carried 4– 0 (absent: Commissioner Singer-Luna) to move forward with a new model to City Council with a visual of where the Memorial will be placed along the pathway and what direction it will face.

6. SECRETARY’S COMMENTS

On March 5, 2020, at 10:00 a.m., at Guirado Park, Arbor Day will take place. There will be about 150 children present from Orange Grove Elementary School and Franklin preschool. There will be some great demonstrations for all to enjoy.

April 4, 2020, the Annual Eggxtravaganza community event will be held at Parnell Park.

Ms. Santana provided an update on the Parnell Park fencing that is due to come down on March 12, 2020. Ms. Santana explained that the park would have curfew enforced by the Police Department, as well as not allowing any tents erected in the park at any time once the park was re-opened.

7. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Medrano mentioned that she is saddened by the graffiti that is being done to the Dog Park area. She also questioned whether or not anything else will be done in the way of art at that location. Ms. Santana reminded Commissioner Medrano that the Commission had decided to do the art on Philadelphia, near the Dog Park.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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

Approved and adopted by the Cultural Arts Commission on _____.

Virginia Santana, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services



Agenda Report

Cultural Arts Commission

Date: July 27, 2020

To: Cultural Arts Commission

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

Subject: Election of Officers

RECOMMENDATION

Commission will elect officers for FY 2020-21.

BACKGROUND

At the beginning of each new fiscal year Commission elects a new Chair and Vice Chair.

DISCUSSION

None.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

None.