

# Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Agenda Announcement

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**AGENDA  
CITY OF WHITTIER  
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 13230 PENN STREET  
OCTOBER 26, 2020, 6:00 PM**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Octavio Martinez, Commissioner  
Caroline Medrano, Commissioner  
Christine Singer-Luna, Commissioner  
Bethany Gilbertson, Vice Chair  
Pamela Korporaal, 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 September 28, 2020.

**5.B. Spring Programs**

Recommendation: Review the Spring Programs Report; and select a theme of the 2021 Community Street Banner 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 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2020.

/s/ Alex Rodriguez

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Alex Rodriguez, Office Specialist III



# Agenda Report

Cultural Arts Commission

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**Date:** October 26, 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 September 28, 2020.

## **BACKGROUND**

None.

## **DISCUSSION**

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

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 28, 2020

**MINUTES  
CITY OF WHITTIER  
CULTURAL ARTS SERVICES COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 13230 PENN STREET  
SEPTEMBER 28, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Chair Korporaal called the regular meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission to order at 6:06 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Whittier City Hall, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, California.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:** Pamela Korporaal, Chair  
Bethany Gilbertson, Vice Chair  
Octavio Martinez, Commissioner

**ABSENT:** Caroline Medrano, Commissioner  
Christine Singer-Luna, Commissioner

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Virginia Santana, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services  
Erin Hamilton, Community Services Manager  
Stacey Arismendez, Community Services Supervisor  
Amanda Krause, Community Services Coordinator  
Lanie Trinh, Administrative Secretary  
Alex Rodriguez, Office Specialist III

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Martinez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Chair Korporaal stated that consistent with Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20, public comment options were made available to the public for participation by email and voicemail. Administrative Secretary Lanie Trinh was to forward correspondence to Commission for review.

Administrative Secretary Trinh reported no public comments were received.

**5. STAFF REPORTS**

**5.A. Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Vice Chair Gilbertson, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, and carried 3 – 0 by roll call vote (absent: Commissioner Medrano, Commissioner Singer-Luna) to approve the Minutes of the July 27, 2020 Regular Meeting.

## **5.B. Spring Projects**

Community Services Manager Erin Hamilton presented the Commission the spring projects that were impacted by COVID-19 and opened the discussion on possible alternatives.

### Visual Arts

Manager Hamilton said that proposals from artists would typically be received to be displayed in the lobby at this time of year, but due to the shutdown and the lack of foot traffic, artwork has not been hung since April of this year. We have not gone out for proposals for next year for the same reasons.

Chair Korporaal recommended to keep the artists already on the list and give them the opportunity to feature their artwork in the future slate of artists. We can recruit additional artists if needed after we give the current artists another opportunity to show.

Commissioner Martinez and Vice Chair Gilbertson agreed with Chair Korporaal.

### Community Street Banner Program

Manager Hamilton reported that Commissioner Martinez assisted with the selection of the 120 banners to be displayed along Whittier Boulevard. 76 of the 120 banners are currently on display. Moving forward, Community Services Supervisor Stacey Arismendez will work on a theme for the upcoming program.

Commissioner Martinez said that there was no reason not to push the program forward and asked who would decide on the theme.

Director Santana commented that this would be a great opportunity for the Commission and staff to work together on a new theme, and added that Supervisor Arismendez will provide a report of ideas for the Commission to begin discussions at the next meeting.

### Hollywood Bowl

Manager Hamilton reported that Hollywood Bowl cancelled its 2020 season and that it is uncertain as to what will be offered in 2021.

Commissioner Martinez asked if the Shannon Center at Whittier College cancelled its events.

Manager Hamilton confirmed that events have been cancelled.

Chair Korporaal commented that the Virtual Concert Series that the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department held was widely enjoyed by the community and asked if there were plans for more.

Director Santana replied that the streaming of those concerts was more costly than anticipated but it is possible if funding allowed it.

Manager Hamilton suggested the possibility of partnering with the Shannon Center to generate revenue and for the public to have the opportunity to have a virtual experience that they would have received at the Hollywood Bowl.

Chair Korporaal recommended that staff contact Theater Manager Shane Cadman for ideas and possible partnership in the future.

### Chalktastic

Manager Hamilton said that the Chalktastic program was done in conjunction with the W Art Show, which was created by the Cultural Arts Foundation in 2010. Though the W Art Show was shut down after 2018, it may be possible to safely hold another Chalktastic event outside of City Hall under the current Los Angeles County Health Guidelines.

Commissioner Martinez agreed with City Hall as the location, as it would bring the community to a centralized place.

Chair Korporaal commented that social distancing would be possible since it would be outdoors.

Vice Chair Gilbertson added that it would also be an ideal location for its smooth pavement where chalk can be easily drawn.

Manager Hamilton asked for suggestions on when the event should be held and mentioned that holding it next spring might be possible.

Chair Korporaal said that runs the risk of April showers in addition to possibly conflicting with the many events occurring in May.

Manager Hamilton suggested the possibility of holding it on the first week of June.

Chair Korporaal and Commissioner Martinez agreed that June sounds possible.

Director Santana said that staff can bring ideas for the flyer to the next meeting for discussion.

Chair Korporaal suggested having a chalk artist be present to draw with the children which doubles as a learning experience and asked for the cost.

Manager Hamilton answered that it was probably around \$500.

It was moved by Chair Korporaal, seconded by Vice Chair Gilbertson, and carried 3 – 0 by roll call vote (absent: Commissioner Medrano, Commissioner

Singer-Luna) to receive and file the status of the upcoming Spring Commission projects.

### **5.C. Artists Selection for the York Field Sports Complex**

Director Santana informed Vice Chair Gilbertson that Chair Korporaal and Commissioner Martinez have already reviewed the submissions as members of the Art in Public Places (AIPP) Advisory Committee and selected Artist Jane DeDecker and Artist Wayne Salge as the two finalists for the Commission's consideration.

Chair Korporaal said she recommended giving two options for the Commission's consideration and that AIPP Chair Eric Martinez had commented that Artist Salge's more abstract depiction can represent any ethnicity.

Manager Hamilton added that "Crab Louis" at the Whittier Village Cinema was also done by Artist Salge.

Vice Chair Gilbertson asked if Artist DeDecker had other pieces displayed in the City of Whittier.

Staff informed Commission that the City does not own a piece by Jane DeDecker.

Commissioner Martinez noted that he preferred the realistic depiction over the abstract one.

Vice Chair Gilbertson replied that while she liked both submissions, if the majority of the people present would be ages 12 and younger, then she would lean towards the realistic work by Artist DeDecker as Artist Salge's abstract work reminded her of "The Walkers" by Artist Wang Luyan, already located at Whittier College.

Commissioner Martinez commented that it was important to consider representation as Artist Salge already has "Crab Louis" on display.

Chair Korporaal stated that she personally leaned towards the realistic artwork by Artist DeDecker.

Vice Chair Gilbertson added that quite a bit of abstract art already exists in Whittier.

Director Santana suggested that Artist Salge's piece might be more ideal at another site, so the AIPP Advisory Committee may find another location for his work.



It was moved by Chair Korporaal, seconded by Commissioner Martinez, and carried 3 – 0 by roll call vote (absent: Commissioner Medrano, Commissioner Singer-Luna) to recommend Artist Jane DeDecker to City Council for consideration for the York Field Sports Complex Art Project.

## **6. SECRETARY'S COMMENTS**

Director Santana updated the Commission on the programs that are currently being offered for seniors. The drive-in bingo event will be taking place at the Old Alpha Beta Parking Lot on November 19, 2020 and seniors' birthday celebrations will be conducted outside of their homes by the Senior Center staff.

Supervisor Stacey Arismendez announced the Fall Front Porch Challenge, in which residents will email photos of their decorated front door to Youth Services. The winner will be selected by the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission and be awarded with a sign to display on their front yard.

Director Santana announced the drive-in movie showings of *Hocus Pocus*, along with a car and parking space decorating contest both taking place on October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> at the Old Alpha Beta Parking Lot, and the virtual 5K Spooktacular.

Chair Korporaal requested fliers for events so that the Commission can distribute them.

## **7. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Chair Korporaal asked if the City Council will be appointing another Commissioner for the Cultural Arts Commission.

Director Santana answered that it is a possibility.

Manager Hamilton replied that Commissioner Caroline Medrano has served the full, two, four-year terms and will continue to serve until another is appointed by City Council.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 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:** October 26, 2020

**To:** Cultural Arts Commission

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

**Subject:** Spring Programs

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Review the Spring Programs Report and make a recommendation for a theme for the Community Street Banner Program.

## **BACKGROUND**

Review the Spring Programs Report; and select a theme of the 2021 Community Street Banner Program.

## **DISCUSSION**

The City of Whittier conducts multiple cultural arts programs all year round. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic many of these programs have been cancelled. Two programs that will continue are the Community Street Banner Program and the Chalktastic event.

### **Street Banner Program**

The Street Banner Program theme recommendations include ideas that will inspire artist to be creative and submit a design for consideration. Below is a tentative timeline and theme ideas for the Commission to consider.

Proposed Timeline:

- November – Call to Artists
- January 22, 2021 – Submission deadline
- February 8, 2021 – Selection notification
- May 11, 2021 – Banner artist reception
- May – July 2021 – Banners displayed

Theme Ideas:

- All in this Together
- Sense of Pride
- Step into the Future
- What Was. What Is. What Will Be.

### **Chalktastic**

With the success of the Chalktastic portion of the W Art Exhibit, we recommend hosting it as a standalone event. The event will take place in June 2021, in front of City Hall. All

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CDC guidelines, including wearing of face coverings and social distancing, will be adhered to. This will allow for more patrons to attend as well as added elements to the event with the space City Hall provides.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

**ATTACHMENTS**

A. Chalktastic Flyer

# CHALKTASTIC

## Saturday, June 19, 2021

**WHITTIER CITY HALL  
13230 Penn Street**



**Registration**

**10:30 am to 11:30 am**

**Chalking**

**11:30 am to 1:30 pm**

**Awards 2:00 pm**

**AGE GROUPS FOR JUDGING:**

5-7 yrs. 8-10 yrs. 11-13 yrs. 14-17 yrs.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (562) 567-9430

Participant's Name (First and Last): \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY OF WHITTIER RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION**

I agree to waive and release the Community Services Department and the City of Whittier, its officers, and employees from and against any and all claims, liabilities, expenses, or judgments, including attorney's fees and court cost arising from my of my child's participation in the City's recreation program or accruing after my child has been released to me at the below stated time, or any and all illness/injury resulting there from, and hereby agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Whittier, its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all such claims, whether caused by negligence or otherwise, except for illness and injury resulting directly from gross negligence or willful misconduct on the part of the City of Whittier or its officers, agents, or employees. I understand and agree that by signing this waiver I am free the City of Whittier, its officers, agents, or employees, from any and all liability resulting from my (or my child's) participation in this City sponsored event or activity. I recognize that this event or activity can be dangerous to me (or my child) and accept those dangers. I understand that if I am (or my child is) injured during my (or my child's) participation in the City sponsored event or activity, or after the time of my child's release, this waiver will be used against me and anyone else claiming damage because of my (or my child's) injury in any legal action. I also understand that no City officer, employee or agent is authorized to modify this waiver. I hereby represent that I understand and am familiar with the nature of the event or activity in which I (or my child) will participate in this City recreation program and that I am (or my child is) in good physical health and that I (or my child) do not have physical and/or emotional conditions, past or present, of which I am aware, which would in any way affect my (or my child's) ability to participate in this activity, or my ability to supervise my child after the time of my child's release. "I have personally read and understand this waiver." In case of emergency, I give my permission for emergency medical treatment. I also give my permission for any photographs taken of myself or any member of the family to be used for advertising purposes for the Community Services Department. This form shall be considered valid until canceled or changed in writing by the undersigned parent/guardian and received by the City. My signature acknowledges that I understand and agree to the above conditions.

Parent/guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/guardian Name (Please Print): \_\_\_\_\_