

Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Agenda Announcement

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**AGENDA
CITY OF WHITTIER
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 13230 PENN STREET
JANUARY 25, 2021, 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

The public is invited to address the Cultural Arts Commission regarding any item of business, or any matter within the body's 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 October 26, 2020

5.B. Art in Public Places Art Projects Update

Recommendation: Receive and file the update on current Art in Public Places projects.

5.C. Community Street Banner Program

Recommendation: Receive and file the Community Street Banner Program Report.

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 21st day of January 2021.

/s/ Alex Rodriguez

Alex Rodriguez, Office Specialist III



Agenda Report

Cultural Arts Commission

Date: January 25, 2021

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 October 26, 2020

BACKGROUND

None.

DISCUSSION

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

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY/GOAL

This item fulfills the City's Strategic Goal of providing a transparent and open government.

ATTACHMENTS

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 26, 2020

**MINUTES
CITY OF WHITTIER
CULTURAL ARTS SERVICES COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 13230 PENN STREET
OCTOBER 26, 2020 – 6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Korporaal called the regular meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission to order at 6:01 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
Christine Singer-Luna, Commissioner

ABSENT: Caroline Medrano, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:

Virginia Santana, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Erin Hamilton, Community Services Manager
Stacey Arismendez, Community Services Supervisor
Alex Rodriguez, Office Specialist III

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Singer-Luna 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.

Office Specialist III Alex Rodriguez reported no public comments were received.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.A. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Vice Chair Gilbertson, and carried 3 – 0 with 1 abstaining (Commissioner Singer-Luna) by roll call vote (absent: Commissioner Medrano) to approve the Minutes of the September 28, 2020 Regular Meeting.

5.B. Spring Programs

Community Services Supervisor Stacey Arismendez presented to the Commission the updates for the spring programs.

Community Street Banner Program

She reported that the banners have been taken down from Whittier Boulevard and are now being stored at the Whittier Community Center. The artists have been notified in case they wish to buy them back for a fee of \$25.

She continued to explain the proposed timeline for the 2021 Spring Banner Program and presented the proposed themes for the Commission's consideration.

Secretary Virginia Santana asked the Commission to give their input on the themes or the timeline that was presented.

Chair Korporaal stated she liked the theme 'All in this Together' because it reflects where we have been for the last year. She also liked the theme 'What Was. What Is. What Will Be.' because that allows participants to project what they want to see in the future.

Commissioner Martinez agreed with Chair Korporaal and stated those two themes stood out to him as well.

Vice Chair Gilbertson also liked the theme 'What Was. What Is. What Will Be.,' because it gives participants different options to choose from.

Commissioner Singer-Luna agreed that 'What Was. What Is. What Will Be.,' is a good option because it gives participants different ways to think about approaching the project.

It was moved by Commissioner Martinez, seconded by Commissioner Singer-Luna, and carried 4 – 0 by roll call vote (absent: Commissioner Medrano) to approve the theme 'What Was. What Is. What Will Be.' as the theme for the Spring Street Banner Program and receive and file the Spring Programs Report.

Secretary Santana stated that Supervisor Arismendez will present to the Commission, the promotional and marketing materials for this event.

Chair Korporaal asked if the program is available for anyone even if they live outside the city.

Secretary Santana responded saying they must be city residents, attend school in Whittier or work in Whittier.

Community Services Manager, Erin Hamilton added the general rule was that you had to live, work, or go to school in Whittier in order to participate. It is open to all ages.

Chalktastic Event

Secretary Santana presented the Chalktastic Event information.

Chair Korporaal expressed a concern for the date being in late June because of the heat.

Supervisor Arismendez stated the date was chosen due to other events scheduled around the same time and the consensus of the group.

Secretary Santana said the date can be adjusted.

Commissioner Martinez stated if May is busy then the following weekends in early June might be too soon. He mentioned how children will be out at parks playing games in the heat and does not think it will be a major factor in turnout.

Vice Chair Gilbertson stated they had discussed doing late June due to school schedules. She stated either weekend in June would work.

Secretary Santana stated we could revisit the date after review of the entire calendar, so we are not competing with other events.

Chair Korporaal agreed stating we should leave the date fluid until we were able to coordinate the calendar appropriately.

Secretary Santana continued by stating we may be able to add more components to the event as the City is able to lift restrictions due to Covid-19.

She stated we are going to begin the search for an artist to have at this event. It would benefit participants to learn from a professional and see how they approach their work.

Commissioner Martinez asked Commissioner Singer-Luna if the car show was on the first week of June.

Commissioner Singer-Luna confirmed that it is typically when the car show is scheduled.

Commissioner Martinez then agreed that June 12 would be a better date for the Chalktastic event.

Secretary Santana stated the City is hopeful that Spring 2021 will have less restrictions and by then City Staff should have more clarity on what events are occurring around that time.

6. SECRETARY'S COMMENTS

Secretary Santana commented the parks restrooms and playgrounds are now open. She stated the City has worked to inform the public on how to visit parks safely during the Covid-19 pandemic. She also stated the City is working hard to sanitize the restrooms and playgrounds regularly to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

She continued by providing information about the Give to Play event that will go on at York Field. Gives the kids a chance to give back to the community and partake in an activity at the park.

She gave the Commission an update on the Rec and Read program. The Rec and Read offers books for check out for adults and kids, crafts for participants to take home, and activities for kids.

She then gave an update for the Letter's for Santa. She stated participants will submit a letter for Santa and the response will be a handwritten letter from Santa.

She provided information on the Santa's Workshop event. It will be a socially distanced visit with Santa in his workshop where you will take a photo, do a craft, and leave with a treat from Santa.

She stated we will end the holiday events with the Rockin' Christmas Eve concert featuring the Amanda Castro Band. This event will be available for streaming to play in the background during the holidays.

She wanted to remind the Commission of the Whittier Community Foundation's 5k race that is taking place. It is a virtual 5k that can be run or walked remotely. Finishers will receive a medal.

7. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Chair Korporaal thanked the Staff for all the flyers which makes spreading the word about these events much easier.

She went on to inquire about the Jose Ramos Memorial art piece.

Secretary Santana responded by stating that it is on the next council meeting and she will update them with any news regarding their decision.

Chair Korporaal expressed she hopes the art piece gets accepted by council so they can start working on it.

Commissioner Martinez stated he appreciates working with everyone on this Commission.

Commissioner Singer-Luna wanted to thank the staff and commend City Staff for their efforts on Santa's Workshop and the Rockin' Christmas Eve concert.

Chair Korporaal stated she would help the City Staff find letter writers for the Letter's for Santa activity.

Secretary Santana appreciated the thought and said she would let her know if there was a need for extra volunteers.

She then informed the Commissioners that they can join the Letters to Nana program which corresponds with some of the elderly community members as pen pals.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the Cultural Arts Commission on _____.

Virginia Santana, Secretary



Agenda Report

Cultural Arts Commission

Date: January 25, 2021

To: Cultural Arts Commission

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

Subject: Art in Public Places Art Projects Update

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file the update on current Art in Public Places projects.

BACKGROUND

Artist Jane DeDecker's "Freedom" art piece, approved by City Council on December 8, 2020, is a six (6) piece composition that is a site-specific project for the York Field Sports Complex. The Bronze statues will vary in height between two and a half (2.5) feet and four and a half (4.5) feet tall and will be roughly three (3) feet wide. The statues will be spaced out at the entrance of the complex across from the playground amidst the trees in the forty-two (42) feet long planter.

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Memorial (WHVVM), Honoring Jose Ramos, by artist Wayne Healy, was approved by City Council on November 10, 2020. The art piece will be located on the North East side of Central Park. The proposed 10' x 4' monument wall consists of steel reinforced concrete with a ceramic tile wrap-around mural frieze consisting of forty-four 12"x12" tiles.

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DISCUSSION

FREEDOM artist, Jane DeDecker, has submitted the necessary agreement and insurance forms to move forward. The first deposit has been sent out to the artist for her to begin the process of making the art pieces. City Staff met virtually with the artist last week and were updated on a timeline for the project. The artist hopes to have the wax portions constructed and sent to the foundry in ten to twelve weeks and set a tentative timeline for installation in June or early July of 2021.

WHVVM artist, Wayne Healy, has turned in all necessary agreements and paperwork as well. Wayne is looking forward to continuing with constructing the art piece. It is

anticipated that the art piece will take approximately six (6) months to fabricate, and that installation should be complete by summer, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

CITY COUNCIL PRIORITY/GOAL

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ATTACHMENTS

A. Freedom Wax Mold photos







Agenda Report

Cultural Arts Commission

Date: January 25, 2021

To: Cultural Arts Commission

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

Subject: Community Street Banner Program

RECOMMENDATION

Receive and file the Community Street Banner Program Report.

BACKGROUND

The Community Street Banner Program has been in existence for 18 years. This year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the banner program has been restructured to fit the evolving virtual demands of the Whittier community.

DISCUSSION

The Cultural Arts Commission chose a new theme for the 2021 program at its October 26, 2020 meeting. The Commission unanimously chose the theme: "What was, What is, What will be" Commissioners liked the theme because it allows participants to project what they want to see in the future as well as giving participants different ways to think about approaching the project.

The notification to submit designs will be distributed to school districts digitally, posted on our City's social media platforms, sent through our monthly E-Blast, and will be posted on our City website.

Below is the timeline for the 2021 Community Street Banner program:

- February 2021 - Call to Artists
- March 1, 2021 - Selection of Banners
- March 8, 2021 - Selection notification & banner distribution
- April 30, 2021 - Banners returned to City for display
- May - July 2021 - Banners displayed

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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ATTACHMENTS

None.