

**CITY OF COSTA MESA  
CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE  
Meeting Date: March 10, 2016**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:50 pm by Frank**

Present: Frank Gutierrez, Irene Engard, Kathleen Eric, Monica Morita, Tony Manrique, Tracy Taber, Andrea Marr and alternate Jason Komala

Absent: Lisa Grant, Chrystal Swope and alternate Rocky Evans

Staff Present: Justin Martin, Ashley Ocasio

Council Member: Katrina Foley (absent)

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES February 11, 2016 meeting minutes**

Irene made a motion to accept the minutes as amended; seconded by Monica; the vote passed unanimously.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

A. A member of the Costa Mesa Playhouse, spoke on behalf of the organization. She informed the committee of their situation at Rea Elementary and concluded by seeking potential suggestions for a new home.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Youth Art Gallery

1. Staff spoke about Costa Mesa Recreation Programs being on display for March and Estancia High School for April.

B. Local Artist & Business Directory

1. Jason spoke on the email communications that staff sent out and handful of responses that have been received back.

C. Art in Public Places – Utility Box Art, etc.

1. Frank distributed a mock-up of two approved designs and the committee members had a small discussion on their thoughts.
2. Frank spoke about the completion of the Estancia utility box.
3. Staff spoke about the intent to complete two (2) additional utility boxes before June 30, 2016.

D. Action Arts in the Park Event 2016

1. Tracy distributed the Action Arts in the Park event proposal, which included details like: event background and scope, budget, marketing, deadlines, and sponsorship.

2. Andrea reviewed the current status of the event. She spoke about the confirmed title sponsor Element and other gold and silver level sponsors.
  3. Staff spoke of the need for additional artist for demonstrations at the event and requested the committees' assistance in spreading the word of the event.
- E. Bark Park Storage Facility Mural Project
1. Staff spoke about the multiple phone calls inquiring about the project; however, there had been no official submissions.
- F. Underpass Art
1. There is currently no update.
- G. Master Arts Plan
1. Staff informed the present Committee members that not all members have submitted their goals and objectives and to please submit as soon as possible.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Costa Mesa Community Run Involvement
1. Committee members discussed potential involvement in the Costa Mesa Community Run. Irene made a motion to decline involvement in the Costa Mesa Community Run; seconded by Kathleen; the vote passed unanimously.
- B. Concerts in the Park
1. Committee members discussed the option to partake in a booth at the Concerts in the Park in July 2016. Members agreed that the Cultural Arts Committee should plan to secure a booth and that a sub-committee will need to be formed.

## **6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

1. Irene spoke on the Costa Mesa Playhouse and her experience when she toured the facility. She also spoke about not reapplying for a Committee member appointment. She has enjoyed her time on the Committee immensely.
2. Frank explained that may be looking into taking a leave of absence from the Committee.
3. Frank spoke on behalf of the Committee and thanked Irene Engard for her eight (8) years of service.

## **7. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS**

Staff announced that Assistant Recreation Supervisor, Ashley Ocasio, will be their new City liaison for the Committee and that Justin Martin will remain involved to ensure a smooth transition.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned by Frank at 8:22 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 6:45 p.m. in 1A City Hall