

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE (CAC)
Meeting Date: March 14, 2019**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:54 p.m. by Kathleen Eric

Present: Kathleen Eric, Jason Komala, Anthony (Tony) Manrique, Monica Morita, Tracy Taber and alternate Andrew Gallagher

Absent: Charlene Ashendorf, Rocky Evans, Frank Gutierrez and Irma Ramirez

Present Staff: Ashley Thomas and Elena Martinez

Absent Council Liaisons: Council Member Marr & Mayor Foley

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES February 14, 2019 meeting minutes

Monica made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Tony. The vote passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Local artist, Samuel Helm, donated signs to the Committee to display at the Senior Center as a way to advertise “The Exhibit” gallery location upstairs.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Arts and Culture Master Plan

1. Kathleen informed the Committee that the master plan is in its final stages and the first draft will be presented to the Committee at the next meeting in April.

B. Galleries

Youth Art Gallery (YAG)

1. Tracy informed the Committee that Costa Mesa High School will be removing their art at the end of the month and Waldorf School of OC will be installing immediately after.

Art on the Fifth

1. Staff noted that the artwork on the fifth floor had to be removed a couple weeks early due to building renovations.

“The Exhibit” at the Senior Center

1. Staff noted that Barbara Owens is the next artist and she will be featured in the upcoming Senior Center *Chronicle*.

C. Directory of the Arts

1. Jason informed the Committee that the directory now encompasses 49 artists and 18 art organizations. Jason also mentioned that the subcommittee plans to meet to discuss marketing strategies.

D. Art in Public Places – Utility Box Art Program

1. Kathleen presented to the Committee three submissions: Marina Aguilera, Finley Flanagan and Wade McDonald.
2. Jason made a motion to accept Wade's artwork and to install it off Bristol St. and Paularino Avenue. Seconded by Tony and the vote passed unanimously.
3. The Committee decided to table the submissions from Marina and Finley and provide them both with constructive feedback.
4. Staff spoke on the OC Fair and Event Center submission and note that once the agreement is received, their artwork will be installed.

E. CAC Grant Fund

1. Jason stated that there is two new applications. The first applicant was the Ensign Dance team requesting \$500 to pay the instructor and get new T-shirts. The second applicant was the OCC Chamber Singers asking for \$500 to aid with the travel cost to perform at Carnegie Hall.
2. The Committee decided to table the Ensign application so that they can ask a few follow-up questions and present again at the April meeting.
3. Tracy made a motion to grant \$500 for the OCC Chamber Singers; Tony seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

F. Pop-up Art Events

1. No update.

G. Lions Park Grand Opening

1. Kathleen requested the Committee's input for an art-related item to include in the time capsule.
2. Staff informed the Committee that a local artist, Gabrielle Carey, will be painting a rendering of the new library at the ceremony.

H. Love Costa Mesa Day

1. Gabrielle Carey, a local artist, informed the Committee that there is a new proposed location for the mural, the Downtown Recreation Center. She is now in the process of reworking her design to fit the new space.
2. Trellis representative, Sharon Hurd, informed the Committee that she finalized the mural proposal and sent it to staff. Additionally, Sharon asked for the Committee's financial support of \$1,220 to compensate a contractor to prep and finalize the mural. Tony made a motion to support the project by granting \$1,220 and Tracy seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

- I. ARTventure
 1. Tony spoke on the subcommittee's kick-off meeting and noted that a budget was established and roles were assigned.
 2. Staff spoke on the need for another subcommittee member to join.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Sculpture Donation

1. Staff proposed an art donation to the Committee that was submitted by the mother of the late artist, James McDemas. Andrew made a motion to accept the sculpture donation; seconded by Tony. The vote passed unanimously.
2. The Committee universally agreed to create a subcommittee to research policies and guidelines for accepting art donations. Jason, Kathleen and Tracy volunteered joined the subcommittee.

B. Mural at TeWinkle Park

1. No update.

6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

1. Tracy spoke on the South Coast Repertory and their featuring show, "Harriot the Spy," and Costa Mesa High School's featuring show "Legally Blonde." Tracy also mentioned that an event called "Art Battle" is coming to Los Angeles on March 28.
2. Jason mentioned that he visited Phillip Ritchie and encouraged him to come to a meeting and speak during public comment.
3. Kathleen informed the Committee that her granddaughter is auditioning for the Pageant of the Masters.

7. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

1. Staff informed the Committee that April 27 is the first art walk and it will be taking place every third Saturday of the month.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m. by Kathleen Eric.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 11, 2019 at 6:45 p.m. in 1A at City Hall.