

**CITY OF COSTA MESA  
CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE (CAC)  
Meeting Date: February 13, 2020**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** 6:46 p.m. by Charlene Ashendorf

Present: Charlene Ashendorf, Kathleen Eric, Jason Komala, Daniel Bragg, Anthony (Tony) Manrique, Frank Gutierrez, Tracy Taber, and Debrianna Obara

Absent: Rocky Evans, Monica Morita Hayden, and David Sonnenberg

Staff Present: Ashley Thomas, Elena Martinez, and Marianna Pena

Commissioner Present: Kelli Frager

School District Representative: Ashley Riopka

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** January 9, 2020 meeting minutes

Tracy made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Daniel; the vote passed unanimously.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Scott Fitzpatrick, VAPA Coordinator for the Newport Mesa Unified School District (NMUSD), introduced Ashley Riopka, the new NMUSD liaison for the Committee.
2. Leslie Murtaugh and Ronald Chee are residents of Costa Mesa and wanted to know what programs and events the Committee are working on.

**4. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Arts and Culture Master Plan

1. Staff informed the Committee that they are locating viable funding options to support the plan's goals before it is taken to City Council for adoption later this year.

B. Galleries

*Youth Art Gallery (YAG)*

1. Tracy informed the Committee that Estancia High School has been confirmed as the next featured Youth Art Gallery exhibit. Tracy reminded everyone that SOY's YAG reception will be held on February 25 from 5-6 p.m.

*Art on the Fifth*

1. Charlene informed the Committee that the reception for Barbara Owens would be held on February 25 from 5-6 p.m. Additionally, she informed the Committee that Jesse Fortune would be the next featured artist.

*"The Exhibit" at the Senior Center*

1. Charlene informed the Committee Kathie Warren's reception was held on February 10. The next featured *Exhibit* artist will be Alice Leggett.

C. Directory of the Arts

1. Jason thanked Tracy and Frank for their applications and informed the Committee that there are 63 artists and 22 art organizations currently on the directory.

#### D. Utility Box Art Program

1. Frank presented an application from the Historical Preservation Committee to the Committee. Daniel made a motion to approve the artwork and have it installed on Harbor Boulevard and Merrimac Way; seconded by Tracy; the vote passed unanimously.
2. Frank presented an application from Canvas. Tracy made a motion to install the artwork on Hotel Way and Bristol Street; seconded by Jason; the vote passed unanimously. Staff informed the Committee that the approval is contingent upon pending review of Canvas requests with city attorney.

#### E. CAC Art Grant Program

1. Subcommittee members Jason and Tony presented six (6) grant requests to the Committee
  - i. Kisma K. Stepanich-Reiding's grant for her Studio Inspiration Art Journal event was presented again due to the Committee's request for additional information regarding the event. Daniel made a motion to approve a \$250 grant; Tracy seconded; the vote passed unanimously.
  - ii. Pacific Chorale requested a \$500 grant for supplies for their afterschool choir program. Debrianna made a motion to approve the \$500 grant; seconded by Tracy; the vote passed unanimously.
  - iii. Nina Gortinski requested a \$500 grant to fund her documentary about sleep patterns. Jason made a motion to decline funds to Nina Gortinski; seconded by Tony; the vote passed unanimously.
  - iv. Orange Coast Unitarian Universalist Church requested a \$500 grant to subsidize the cost of children's tickets for their Orange Coast Film Festival in Costa Mesa. Tony made a motion to approve the \$500 grant; seconded by Jason; the vote passed unanimously.
  - v. Someone Cares Soup Kitchen requested \$3000, to fund a mural project and reception at their facility. Daniel made a motion to approve funding for \$500 with the contingency that they have a design and a plan to fund the rest of the project; Tracy seconded; the vote passed unanimously.
  - vi. Orange Coast College Chamber Singers requested a \$500 grant to assist in travel expenses to Gallo Center. Tony made a motion to approve the \$500 grant; Charlene seconded; the vote passed unanimously.

#### F. ARTventure 2020

1. Daniel announced the subcommittee is in the process of finalizing the Call for Artists and will be creating a marketing plan and special job list.

#### G. CM Portrait Series

1. None.

#### H. Crosswalk Art Program

1. None.

#### I. Asphalt Art Initiative Grant

1. None.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. None.

## **6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS**

1. Tony announced that Saint John the Baptist Fish Fry would begin on February 28.
2. Tracy announced that Segerstrom is starting up community events and asked if there was a way to link the school districts calendar to the city's.
3. Charlene acknowledged all of Scott's hard work during his time with VAPA. Announced the Senior Center is looking to partner with Costa Mesa High School to provide music in the summer for seniors. Acknowledged the Kobe mural on the Westside of town.
4. Kathleen announced that Pacific Symphony is playing at Victoria Elementary School.
5. Frank encouraged Committee to sign up to help with ARTventure.

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

1. Commissioner Frager highlighted that the Pacific Symphony is having a lantern festival on February 22 at Segerstrom Concert Hall.
2. Ashley announced that staff are still looking for a contractor to host quarterly art walk at the lawn in Lions Park. Stated city will contribute the space and marketing.
3. Marianna informed the Committee that Charlene's, Tony's, Frank's, and Jason's terms were expiring and that the committee recruitment would be open by the City Clerk office no later than Friday, February 14.

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m. by Charlene Ashendorf.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 6:45 p.m. in 1A at City Hall.