

**CITY OF COSTA MESA  
CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE (CAC)  
Meeting Date: November 12, 2020**

**MINUTES**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Cultural Arts Committee meeting was called to order by Chair Ashendorf at 4:02 p.m. on November 12, 2020 vis Zoom call.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present:** Committee Members Present: Charlene Ashendorf, Kathleen Eric, Jason Komala, Rocky Evans, Anthony (Tony) Manrique (departed at 5:06pm), Frank Gutierrez, Monica Morita-Hayden, Tracy Taber (departed at approx. 5:20pm), Debrianna Obara and alternate David Sonnenberg

**Members Absent:** None

**Liaisons Present:** Commissioner Kelli Frager

**Staff Present:** Ashley Thomas, Jason Minter, and Sylvia Chalmers

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** February 13, 2020 meeting minutes

**MOTION/SECOND:** Member Manrique moved to approve the minutes with corrections/Seconded by Member Taber. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:  
Ayes: Chair Ashendorf, Vice Chair Eric, Member Komala, Member Evans, Member Gutierrez, Member Morita-Hayden, Member Obara.

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 9-0

4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. None.

5. **COMMITTEE MEMBER, LIAISON & STAFF COMMENTS**

1. Vice Chair Eric announced she is glad to see everyone.
2. Member Evans announced he is happy to be back and looking forward to working on art related items. He also asked to be informed of any upcoming art related events.
3. Member Komala announced he is glad to see that everyone is present and healthy.
4. Member Morita-Hayden informed the Committee that she missed everyone.
5. Member Obara congratulated Jason for his campaign for city council.
6. Member Taber announced Dick Church's Restaurant will be showcasing artwork from local artists.
7. Chair Ashendorf thanked the PACS liaison for representing the Committee at the Love Costa Mesa event. She also mentioned the Someone Cares Soup Kitchen will be installing a mural on the back of their building thanks to the support of the Committee's grant program.
8. Member Gutierrez informed the Committee he is still in business and remaining positive during these challenging times.
9. Commissioner Frager informed the Committee she's looking forward to creating art opportunities while following the guidelines.

10. Mrs. Thomas mentioned to the Committee the Someone Cares Soup Kitchen reached out and informed her that their original plan for the indoor mural has changed and the mural will be moved to the outside wall instead.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

### A. STAFF UPDATES

- i. Chair Ashendorf introduced the new Parks and Community Services Director, Jason Minter. Jason introduced himself and gave thanks to Mrs. Thomas for her work within the department.

### B. PROPOSED MURAL DESIGNS

- i. Lions & Lamb Coffee – 3186 Pullman St.

Costa Mesa coffee shop owner, Rick Wheeler, presented the mural design proposed for the front of his shop, facing Pullman St.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Member Komala moved to approve the mural design/Seconded by Member Gutierrez. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:  
Ayes: Chair Ashendorf, Vice Chair Eric, Member Manrique, Member Evans, Member Taber, Member Morita-Hayden, Member Obara.  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Motion Carried: 9-0

- ii. “Poderosas” – 3001 Killybrooke Ln.

Camilo Romero and Alicia Rojas presented their mural design.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Member Evans moved to approve the mural design/Seconded by Member Taber. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:  
Ayes: Chair Ashendorf, Vice Chair Eric, Member Manrique, Member Komala, Member Morita-Hayden, Member Obara.  
Nays: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: Member Gutierrez  
Motion Carried: 8-1

## 7. OLD BUSINESS

### A. UTILITY BOX ART PROGRAM

- i. Review ten (10) applications and select locations

Member Gutierrez presented all applications and proposed locations.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Member Obara moved to approve all the utility box applications except for Jill Jordan and Jeff Lee’s applications/Seconded by Member Morita-Hayden. The motion failed by the following roll call vote:  
Ayes: Vice Chair Eric, Chair Ashendorf

Nays: Member Evans, Member Gutierrez, Member Komala, Alternate Sonnenberg  
Absent: Member Manrique & Member Taber  
Motion Failed: 4-4-2

**MOTION/SECOND:** Member Gutierrez moved to approve Richie Walsh's artwork and install on Baker St. and Red Hill Ave./Seconded by Vice Chair Eric. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:, Chair Ashendorf, Member Morita-Hayden, Member Evans, Member Obara, Member Komala, Alternate Sonnenberg

Nays: None

Absent: Member Manrique & Member Taber

Motion Carried: 8-0-2

**MOTION/SECOND:** Member Gutierrez moved to approve Ana Paula Lima's artwork and install on Newport Blvd. and 17<sup>th</sup> St./Seconded by Member Evans. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Ashendorf, Member Morita-Hayden, Vice Chair Eric,

Nays: Member Komala, Alternate Sonnenberg, Member Obara

Absent: Member Manrique & Member Taber

Motion Carried: 5-3-2

**MOTION/SECOND:** Member Obara moved to decline Jill Jordan's artwork/Seconded by Member Evans. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes:, Member Komala, Alternate Sonnenberg

Nays: Vice Chair Eric, Chair Ashendorf, Member Gutierrez

Abstain: Member Morita-Hayden

Absent: Member Manrique & Member Taber

Motion Carried: 4-3-1-2

**MOTION/SECOND:** Member Evans moved to approve Jeff Lee's artwork and install it on Sunflower Ave. and Susan St./Seconded by Alternate Sonnenberg. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Member Komala, Member Morita-Hayden, Member Obara, Chair Ashendorf, Member Gutierrez

Nays: Vice Chair Eric

Absent: Member Manrique & Member Taber

Motion Carried: 7-1-2

**MOTION/SECOND:** Chair Ashendorf moved to approve Marco de Jesus Nino's artwork and install on Newport Blvd. and Mesa Dr./Seconded by Member Evans. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Member Komala, Member Morita-Hayden, Member Obara, Member Gutierrez, Vice Chair Eric, Alternate Sonnenberg

Nays: None

Absent: Member Manrique & Member Taber

Motion Carried: 8-0-2

**MOTION/SECOND:** Member Obara moved to approve Jennifer Bloomfield's artwork and install on Newport Blvd. and Del Mar Ave./Seconded by Member Evans. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Member Komala, Member Morita-Hayden, Member Gutierrez, Vice Chair Eric, Chair Ashendorf

Nays: Alternate Sonnenberg

Absent: Member Manrique & Member Taber

Motion Carried: 7-1-2

**MOTION/SECOND:** Member Obara moved to decline Lauren Biagiotti's artwork and request that the artist makes a few revisions and then bring the artwork back to the Committee for review/Seconded by Member Evans. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Member Komala, Member Morita-Hayden, Vice Chair Eric, Chair Ashendorf, Member Gutierrez

Nays: None

Abstain: Alternate Sonnenberg

Absent: Member Manrique & Member Taber

Motion Carried: 7-0-1-2

Mrs. Thomas presented with the CAC Utility Box Program's year-end financial report for FY 19/20 and proposed a budget for FY 20/21.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Member Evans moved to budget \$13,000 for the Utility Box Program for FY 2020/2021/Seconded by Member Obara. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Member Komala, Member Morita-Hayden, Member Gutierrez, Vice Chair Eric, Chair Ashendorf, Alternate Sonnenberg

Nays: None

Absent: Member Manrique & Member Taber

Motion Carried: 8-0-2

## **B. CAC GRANT FUND PROGRAM**

- i. Member Komala announced that February 5, 2021 is the new deadline for the grant program.
- ii. Member Komala informed the Committee that they have received a new grant application from the Arts and Learning Conservatory. They requested \$1,500 to produce a virtual play at Adams Elementary School.

**MOTION/SECOND:** Member Gutierrez moved to grant \$1,000 to the Arts and Learning Conservatory/Seconded by Vice Chair Eric. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Member Komala, Member Morita-Hayden, Member Evans, Member Obara, Chair Ashendorf, Alternate Sonnenberg

Nays: None

Absent: Member Manrique & Member Taber  
Motion Carried: 8-0-2

## **8. COMMENTS**

1. Member Evans asked if the Committee was going to be utilizing the current meeting format moving forward.
2. Mr. Minter spoke again on the mural permitting process and the many items to consider before solidifying the process.
3. Mrs. Thomas announced that the City Council is planning to perform appointments for the Committee in January.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m. by Chair Ashendorf.

Next meeting: Thursday, January 14, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. Via Zoom Webinar.