

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE (CAC)
Meeting Date: March 11, 2021**

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The Cultural Arts Committee meeting was called to order by Staff Ashley Thomas at 4:04 p.m. on March 11, 2021 via Zoom call.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

Members Present: Stephanie Wenning, Andrea Bravo-Campbell, Frank Gutierrez, Rocky Evans, Mark Cleveland, Charlene Ashendorf, Salina Mendoza, Arelly Ocampo, Anthony S. Manrique (left @ 4:35pm) and Alternate Cassydy Berliner

Members Absent: None

Liaisons Present: Ashley Riopka

Staff Present: Ashley Thomas, Jason Minter, Sylvia Chalmers and Monique Villasenor

3. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

1. Selection of Chairperson

Motion/Second: Staff Ashley Thomas declared nominations open for Chairperson. Member Frank Gutierrez nominated Member Charlene Ashendorf for Chairperson. The motion is seconded by Member Anthony Manrique. No additional nominations were made. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Member Wenning, Member Bravo-Campbell, Member Evans, Member Ashendorf, Member Cleveland, Member Mendoza, and Member Ocampo

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 9-0

2. Selection of Vice Chairperson

Motion/Second: Staff Ashley Thomas declared nominations open for Vice Chairperson. Member Charlene Ashendorf nominated Member Frank Gutierrez for Vice Chairperson. The motion is seconded by Member Anthony Manrique. No additional nominations were made. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: Member Wenning, Member Bravo-Campbell, Member Berliner, Member Evans, Member Cleveland, Member Mendoza, and Member Ocampo

Nays: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried: 9-0

4. **PRESENTATION**

1. Brown Act Training presented by Tarquin Preziosi, Assistant City Attorney

5. **APPROVAL OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

MOTION/SECOND: Chair Ashendorf moved to approve the minutes as written. Seconded by Member Wenning. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Chair Ashendorf, Member Bravo-Campbell, Member Cleveland, Member Evans, Member Gutierrez, Member Mendoza, Member Ocampo, Member Wenning, and Alternate Member Berliner

Nays: None

Absent: Member Anthony S. Manrique

Motion Carried: 9-0

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER REPORTS, COMMENTS, AND SUGGESTIONS

1. Committee members provide brief introduction of themselves and some art related highlights.

8. LIAISON & STAFF REPORTS:

1. Staff Jason Minter provided an update on the Costa Mesa Arts & Culture Master Plan.
2. Staff Ashley Thomas highlighted Strut's newly installed Dolly Parton mural.

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Utility Box Art Program Report and Working Groups

Public Comment: Patron David Martinez Ibarra encouraged the Committee to accept the proposed artwork and install it near Orange Coast College.

1. **MOTION/SECOND:** Member Mendoza moves to approve Nolan Kiely's artwork and install the warp off Fairview Road and Mustang St./Pirate Way. Motion is seconded by Member Evans. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Chair Ashendorf, Member Bravo-Campbell, Member Cleveland, Member Ocampo, Member Wenning, and Alternate Member Berliner, and Vice Chair Gutierrez
Nays: None
Absent: Member Anthony S. Manrique
Motion Carried: 9-0

Public Comment: Patron David Martinez Ibarra encouraged the Committee to accept the proposed artwork and install it near Fairview Park.

2. **MOTION/SECOND:** Chair Ashendorf moves to approve Jonathan Schiesel's artwork and install off Victoria Street and American Avenue. Motion is seconded by Member Wenning. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:
Ayes: Member Bravo-Campbell, Member Cleveland, Member Gutierrez, Member Mendoza, Member Ocampo, and Alternate Member Berliner
Nays: Member Evans
Absent: Member Anthony S. Manrique
Motion Carried: 8-1

Create Working Group – Member Mendoza, Member Berliner, and Member Evans volunteered.

B. Arts Grant Program Report and Working Groups

1. Staff Ashley Thomas provided the Committee with a brief program report and highlighted the lack of funds.

MOTION/SECOND: Chair Ashendorf moved to transfer \$2,500 from the Committee's Revenue Deposit fund to the Arts Grant Program fund. Motion seconded by Member Wenning. The motion is carried by the following roll call:

Ayes: Member Ocampo, Vice Chair Gutierrez, Member Evans, Member Cleveland, Member Bravo-Campbell, Member Berliner

Nays: None

Absent: Member Manrique

Abstain: Member Mendoza

Motion Carried: 8-0-1

2. Staff Liaison Ashley Thomas presents Arts Grant Program application by "\$NP Design" requesting \$500.

MOTION/SECOND: Chair Ashendorf moved to grant \$500 to \$NP Design. Seconded by Member Wenning. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Member Bravo-Campbell, Vice Chair Gutierrez, Member Evans, Member Cleveland, Member Ocampo, and Member Berliner

Nays: None

Absent: Member Manrique

Abstain: Member Mendoza

Motion Carried: 8-0-1

3. Staff Liaison Ashley Thomas presents Arts Grant Program application by CMHS Band Boosters requesting \$500.

Public Comment: Patron David Martinez Ibarra stated that he's an alumni of Costa Mesa High School and a former band member. He expressed his hope that high school seniors are able to have their Spring Spotlight event and encouraged the Committee to award a grant to this applicant.

MOTION/SECOND: Member Wenning moved to grant \$500 to CMHS Band Boosters. Seconded by Chair Ashendorf. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Member Bravo-Campbell, Vice Chair Gutierrez, Member Evans, Member Cleveland, Member Ocampo, and Member Berliner

Nays: None

Absent: Member Manrique

Abstain: Member Mendoza

Motion Carried: 8-0-1

4. Staff Liaison Ashley Thomas presents Arts Grant Program application by "BNB" requesting \$3,000-\$5,000.

MOTION/SECOND: Vice Chair Gutierrez motioned to decline grant to "BNB." Seconded by Member Wenning. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Member Bravo-Campbell, Member Evans, Member Cleveland, Member Ocampo, Member Berliner, and Chair Ashendorf

Nays: None

Absent: Member Manrique

Abstain: Member Mendoza
Motion Carried: 8-0-1

5. Staff Liaison Ashley Thomas presents Arts Grant Program application by “Safe Spaces” requesting \$1,000.

MOTION/SECOND: Member Wenning motioned to grant \$1,000 to “Safe Spaces” contingent on the City’s approval. Seconded by Member Evans. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Member Bravo-Campbell, Vice Chair Gutierrez, Member Cleveland, Member Ocampo, Member Berliner, and Chair Ashendorf

Nays: None

Absent: Member Manrique

Abstain: Member Mendoza

Motion Carried: 8-0-1

6. Staff Liaison Ashley Thomas presents Arts Grant Program application by “OC Dream Center” requesting \$499.98.

MOTION/SECOND: Vice Chair Gutierrez motioned to decline grant to “OC Dream Center.” Seconded by Chair Ashendorf. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Member Wenning, Member Bravo-Campbell, Member Evans, Member Cleveland, Member Ocampo, and Member Berliner

Nays: None

Absent: Member Manrique

Abstain: Member Mendoza

Motion Carried: 8-0-1

7. Create Arts Grant Program Working Group
 - i. Member Wenning, Chair Ashendorf and Member Ocampo volunteered.

MOTION/SECOND: Member Wenning motioned to approve working group. Seconded by Chair Ashendorf. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Member Bravo-Campbell, Vice Chair Gutierrez, Member Evans, Member Cleveland, Member Ocampo, and Member Berliner

Nays: None

Absent: Member Manrique

Abstain: Member Mendoza

Motion Carried: 8-0-1

C. CM Arts Directory – Create Working Group

MOTION/SECOND: Chair Ashendorf motioned to move this item to the next meeting. Seconded by Member Wenning. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Member Bravo-Campbell, Vice Chair Gutierrez, Member Evans, Member Cleveland, Member Ocampo, and Member Berliner

Nays: None

Absent: Member Manrique

Motion Carried: 8-0

10. NEW BUSINESS

None

11. FINAL REPORTS AND COMMENTS

None

12. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m. by Chair Ashendorf.

Next meeting: Thursday, April 08, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom Webinar.