

Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Agenda Announcement

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**AGENDA
CITY OF WHITTIER
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 13230 PENN STREET
JULY 25, 2022, 6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Caroline Medrano, Commissioner
Pamela Korporaal, Commissioner
Christine Singer-Luna, Chair

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public is invited to address the Cultural Arts Commission regarding any item of business, or any matter within the body's subject matter jurisdiction. Consistent with Executive Order No. N-29-20 public comments can be made via:

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5. OATH

Beth (Henning) Robinson, Commissioner
Chris Rubalcaba, Commissioner

6. STAFF REPORTS

6.A. Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 27, 2022.

6.B. Election of Officers

Recommendation: Commission will elect officers for the 2022-23 FY.

6.C. Commissioner Sub-Committee Assignments

Recommendation: Commission will discuss and approve Sub-Committee assignments for the 2022-23 FY.

7. SECRETARY COMMENTS

8. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS/CONFERENCE REPORTS

9. ADJOURNMENT

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I hereby certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted in accordance with the applicable legal requirements. Regular and Adjourned Regular meeting agendas may be amended up to 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Dated this 22nd day of July 2022.

/s/ Roxanne Gonzalez

Roxanne Gonzalez, Administrative Secretary



Agenda Report

Cultural Arts Commission

Date: July 25, 2022

To: Cultural Arts Commission

From: Virginia Santana, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services

Subject: Approval of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 27, 2022.

BACKGROUND

None.

DISCUSSION

Staff prepared draft minutes and hereby submits the Minutes for Commission approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL

Goal 4: Transparent & Open Government

ATTACHMENTS

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 27, 2022

**MINUTES
CITY OF WHITTIER
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 13230 PENN STREET
JUNE 27, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Singer-Luna called the regular meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of Whittier City Hall, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, California.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Pamela Korporaal, Commissioner
Caroline Medrano, Commissioner
Christine Singer-Luna, Chair

ABESNT: None.

STAFF PRESENT:

Virginia Santana, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Erin Hamilton, Community Services Manager
Dennis Cujak, Community Services Supervisor
Roxanne Gonzalez, Administrative Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Medrano led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Marin, from the Whittier Regional Symphony and Art Association made a public comment concerning the lighting for the Whittier Theater. He stated that the lighting at the Whittier Community Center theatre was discussed at the last Council meeting. He received an email from Eric from the Whittier Community Theater regarding the last Council meeting informing him that Council approved \$238,000 for the system. Mr. Marin asked if the \$238,00 was an approved budget or a bid. Manager Hamilton stated that Council approved a budget of \$238,000. He asked if the project was out for bid right now. Manager Hamilton stated that bids will be opening and will have two weeks to finalize, then we will select the lowest bid and move forward. He stated he will remain in touch with Eric or us.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.A. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Korporaal, seconded by Commissioner Medrano, and carried 3-0, to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of

May 23, 2022, with the following edit “Rio Hondo is closing their theatre for maintenance and plan to reopen later this year.”

5.B. Art Maintenance

Community Services Manager Hamilton presented the Art in Public Places Maintenance Report to the Commission. She explained that a conservator is hired to maintain the City owned art pieces throughout Whittier. The City has an ordinance stating that one half of one percent of funds of buildings constructed in Whittier will go into the Art in Public Places account. The department contracts with an art conservator, Smith Art Conservatory. They cleaned up the Barefoot Boy sculpture located in front of the Whittier Library, as it required maintenance due to the Whittier Library’s closure for construction. The Barefoot Boy has been beautifully restored, and the Parks Division worked on the landscaping for the Whittier Library to compliment the Barefoot Boy art piece. The Palm Park trailhead plaque is not considered art but it was put on the list for cleaning because of the water damage and graffiti it has sustained. These pieces in the attachments were the current pieces undergoing maintenance, but all pieces in Whittier are maintained quarterly. The report will contain what materials are used and provide the history of maintenance for every art piece. Some art pieces throughout Whittier are maintained by the artists themselves who prefer maintaining their own art pieces. Also, there are art pieces like Flukes, the bronze whale tail at Whittier College who takes on the responsibility to maintain the art piece.

Chair Singer-Luna asked if there is a schedule of what art pieces need to be maintained. Manager Hamilton stated that yes, we have a schedule that was submitted to the Smith Art Conservator. Art pieces are grouped for maintenance which means that art pieces with similar mediums are maintained around the same time or art pieces located in the same area will be maintained at the same time. Secretary Santana added that the Centennial Clock plaque was replaced as well.

It was moved by Commissioner Medrano, seconded by Commissioner Korporaal, and carried 3-0 to receive and file the Art in Public Places Maintenance Report.

5.C. Chalktastic

Supervisor Cujak provided some background on last year’s Chalktastic event. The event was held on October 16, and did not have a theme. Children between the ages 5-17 years of age were invited to participate in the event. We had a panel of judges select winners and had the public vote and award the people’s choice award. There was music, food, crafts, our Rec and Read program, and a professional chalk artist at the event last year. He added that there was a discussion last year as to whether to invite adults to participate in the event, but the sub-committee ultimately decided not to include adults. Furthermore, he asked if the Commission would like to consider shortening the schedule of the event because last year, we had several people waiting around

for the contest results. Supervisor Cujak asked the Commission to choose a date and time frame to host Chalktastic.

Chair Singer-Luna asked if there were dates that need to be avoided in October. Manager Hamilton stated that the end of October should be avoided as to not have Chalktastic coincide with the Spooktacular 5K and movie night. She added that we also need to avoid hosting Chalktastic on the same date as other cities chalktastic event as last year it was difficult to find a professional chalk artist to attend our event.

Chair Singer-Luna suggested October 15th as a date to host Chalktastic. She recommended that judging start at 12:00 PM and end at 12:30 PM. Chair Singer-Luna also suggested that we allow adults to participate in the Chalktastic event. Commissioner Medrano suggested that the event have a professional chalk artist attend as well because it was exciting for the children last year. She suggested we try to invite a chalk artist who could create 3D art to make the piece interactive.

Manager Hamilton responded to question posed by the Commission as to whether the event time should be extended to give the professional chalk artist adequate time to create a piece and stated that the artist generally will arrive and start early.

Supervisor Cujak asked whether it is feasible to include a prize for the Chalktastic winners. Secretary Santana stated that yes it would be feasible via donations from organizations and sponsors. She added that it would also be feasible to hire a chalk artist that can create 3D chalk art. She suggested that we could have one professional chalk artist create 3D chalk art and another artist to create a chalk art piece that would allot them time to interact with participants.

Chair Singer-Luna asked if the Greenleaf Promenade could host Chalktastic and whether we would need to reach out to the Uptown Associations for permission. Secretary Santana stated that we would have to reach out to the Uptown Associations for permission to host Chalktastic at the Greenleaf Promenade, but she advised that it may be best to select a more secure location to host the event. Commissioner Korporaal stated that she liked the idea of having the event in the Uptown area, but by hosting the event near City Hall and the Police Department allows us to block off streets like Painter Avenue for safety if need be. Chair Singer-Luna asked who cleans up the chalk art and when is it cleaned up. Manager Hamilton stated that the Parks Division will clean up the chalk art.

Secretary Santana asked the Commission if they had any other components they would like to see at the event. Chair Singer-Luna asked if we blocked off streets last year. Supervisor Cujak stated no but we blocked off parking along Penn Street with metal fencing. Chair Singer-Luna asked that if we had more participants would we still have other activities at the event. Secretary Santana stated yes we would still have other activities for attendees. Commissioner Korporaal asked if we were to get more participants would we need to close off

streets over by Painter Avenue. Supervisor Cujak stated we did not use spots over by the Veteran Memorial and added that we have enough space to keep participants on one side of the street. Secretary Santana stated that we will prepare a flyer with the recommendations the Commission made tonight. Staff will try to post the flyer by August even if it's a save the date flyer for Chalktastic.

Commissioner Medrano suggested we advertise a save the date for Chalktastic at the summer concerts. Manager Hamilton stated yes Staff could hand out save the dates for Chalktastic at our booth.

It was moved by Commissioner Medrano, seconded by Commissioner Korporaal, and carried 3-0 to hold Chalktastic on October 15, 2022, from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM, hold judging at 12:00 PM and add an adult category.

5.D. Lobby Art Program

Supervisor Cujak informed the Commission on the art currently displayed at the Parnell Park and City Hall Lobby. He stated that we have street banner art in the City Hall Lobby. He added that we are a bit behind in showcasing art at Parnell since the artists came down with COVID. Dennis McGonagle and Sally Sjoberg have expressed interest in participating in next year's Lobby Art Program. Supervisor Cujak presented the slate of artists who wish to be a part of the Lobby Art Program.

Alisha Oseguera submitted drawings and art paintings. She has a variety of pieces to display. Keith Durlinger, a longtime Whittier Daily News photographer who is an instructor for the City who also leads a photography class. He submitted several of the photos he has professionally taken of events, landscapes, and what he observes in his travels. Jeff Lough takes a lot of white and black photography. He submitted black and white photos of landscape and wildlife. The students enrolled in the City of Whittier photography class led by Keith Durlinger submitted photos they have taken themselves. Bryan Davis submitted mixed media, collage type art.

Supervisor Cujak asked the Commission if they would like to finish the year with the artists presented. Chair Singer-Luna asked how many spaces we are looking to fill. Supervisor Cujak responded that we have five (5) spaces to fill. He continued that the Commission could decide where the artists should display their art as well. Manager Hamilton stated we try to have the Lobby Art Program run through the end of Thanksgiving. That means we have about eight (8) weeks to go. Chair Singer-Luna suggested the Commission approve all the artists for the Lobby Art Program. She asked if we still host art receptions. Manager Hamilton stated yes, we had an art reception for Dennis McGonagle, the first since the pandemic. Commissioner Korporaal also suggested all five artists be approved for the Lobby Art Program.

It was moved by Commissioner Korporaal, seconded by Commissioner Medrano, and carried 3-0 to approve the applications of five artists to be included in the Lobby Art Program.

6. SECRETARY’S COMMENTS

Manager Hamilton updated the Commission on upcoming events. We will host our first Summer Concert tonight at Central Park. On the Fourth of July we will have a flag raising ceremony, a freedom walk, which will begin at Palm Park at 9 a.m., and our firework spectacular at York Field. We will have live music and activities for attendees. The gates open at 5:00 p.m. and the fireworks show will begin at 9:00 PM. Our next movie in the park will show Sing 2. We will be hosting a summer sports camp. The Summer WYN program and Summer Day Camp are full and back in action. Campers will be going to the Los Angeles Zoo as their first field trip. Volunteens are back and helping out with the summer camps. The Palm Park pool is open offering swim lessons, water aerobic classes and recreational swim. We are beginning to take pool rentals as well. The department has partnered with Whittier College. Dr. Swanson and her students conduct fun science experiments with the campers.

Secretary Santana stated that the Commission will be updated on the Jose Ramos piece. She informed the Commission of the emails the department has received from veterans in support of keeping the piece at its chosen location.

7. COMMISSIONERS’ COMMENTS

Chair Singer-Luna asked what the status is on selecting new Commissioners for the Commission. Secretary Santana stated that there are four (4) potential commissioners and Council has settled on a date in July to conduct in-person interviews to fill Commission and Committee slates. Chair Singer-Luna asked if the public need to have a permit to use our public parks and whether we issue permits on weekends. Secretary Santana stated that is depends on what a group is doing at the park, and we do issue permits for weekends.

Commissioner Medrano asked if veterans can make public comments in support of the Jose Ramos art piece. Secretary Santana stated that yes both groups on either side can make public comments.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the Cultural Arts Commission on _____.

Virginia Santana, Secretary



Agenda Report

Cultural Arts Commission

Date: July 25, 2022

To: Cultural Arts Commission

From: Virginia Santana, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services

Subject: Election of Officers

RECOMMENDATION

Commission will elect officers for the 2022-23 FY.

BACKGROUND

At the beginning of each new fiscal year the Commission elects a new Chair and Vice Chair.

DISCUSSION

The Commission will begin with the process of nominating and selecting new officers.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the report.

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL

Goal 4: Transparent & Open Government

ATTACHMENTS

None.



Agenda Report

Cultural Arts Commission

Date: July 25, 2022

To: Cultural Arts Commission

From: Virginia Santana, Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services

Subject: Commissioner Sub-Committee Assignments

RECOMMENDATION

Commission will discuss and approve Sub-Committee assignments for the 2022-23 FY.

BACKGROUND

At the beginning of each new fiscal year the Commission appoints representatives to the following Sub-Committees:

1. Lobby Art
2. Street Banner Program
3. Chalktastic
4. Summer Concerts in the Park
5. Art in Public Places Advisory Committee
6. Whittier Beautification Committee

DISCUSSION

The Commission will discuss the appointment of representatives to the following Sub-committees: Lobby Art, Street Banner Program, Chalktastic, Summer Concerts in the Park, Art in Public Places Advisory Committee, the Whittier Beautification Committee.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with the report.

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL

Goal 4: Transparent & Open Government

ATTACHMENTS

- A. Chalktastic Flyer
- B. Sub-Committee Assignments 2021



Calling all artists to a Chalk Art Contest!

Hosted by the Whittier Cultural Arts Commission..

CHALKTASTIC

**OCTOBER 15, 2022
9:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

Registration includes: 16-color chalk kit & kneeling pad

**Prizes awarded for Overall People's Choice +
1ST & 2ND place in each age group**

Whittier City Hall, 13230 Penn Street

Library Pop-up with Storyteller

Games+Crafts+Music

Professional Chalk Artist Demonstration

REGISTRATION IS FREE

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Age groups:

5-7 yrs.

8-10 yrs.

11-13 yrs.

14-17 yrs.

18+ yrs.

**CITY OF WHITTIER
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
SUBCOMMITTEES**

<u>Lobby Art Program</u>	
Chair Christine Singer-Luna	9-27-2021
Commissioner Pamela Korporaal	9-27-2021

<u>Street Banner Program</u>	
Vice-Chair Octavio Martinez	9-27-2021
	9-27-2021

<u>Chalktastic</u>	
Chair Christine Singer-Luna	9-27-2021
Commissioner Pamela Korporaal	9-27-2021
Note: Commissioners working together for Chalktastic 2022	

<u>Art in Public Places Committee</u>	
Vice-Chair Octavio Martinez	9-27-2021
Commissioner Pamela Korporaal	9-27-2021

<u>Summer Concerts in the Park Committee</u>	
Vice-Chair Octavio Martinez	9-27-2021
Commissioner Pamela Korporaal	9-27-2021

<u>Whittier Beautification Committee</u>	