

Cultural Arts Commission Meeting Agenda Announcement

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Speakers must limit their comments to three minutes. Please note, by order of the presiding officer, public comments minutes may be reduced if at their discretion a surplus of public speakers is present at the meeting.

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- Voicemail: (562) 567-9400
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- In person at City Hall, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, CA 90602, City Council Chambers

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**AGENDA
CITY OF WHITTIER
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 13230 PENN STREET
APRIL 22, 2024, 6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Christopher Rubalcaba, Chair
Pamela Korporaal, Vice Chair
Julian Cepeda, Commissioner
Susan Eiden, Commissioner
Beth Robinson, Commissioner

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 bodies subject matter jurisdiction. Consistent with Executive Order No. N-29-20 public comments can be made via:

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- Voicemail: (562) 567-9400

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Pursuant to State law, Cultural Arts Commissioners cannot take action or express a consensus of approval or disapproval on any communications which do not appear on the printed agenda.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.A. Approval of Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 27, 2023, and March 25, 2024.

5.B. Freedom Art Piece Replacement

Recommendation: Review the recommendation from the Art in Public Places Advisory Committee regarding the allocation of funds from the AIPP Maintenance Account for the replacement of the "Freedom" art piece and

recommend to City Council to approve the use of funds to replace the missing statue.

6. SECRETARY COMMENTS

7. COMMISSION MEMBER COMMENTS/CONFERENCE REPORTS

8. 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 18th day of April 2024.

/s/ Roxanne Gonzalez

Roxanne Gonzalez, Administrative Secretary



Agenda Report

Cultural Arts Commission

Date: April 22, 2024

To: Cultural Arts Commission

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

Subject: Approval of Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 27, 2023, and March 25, 2024.

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 November 27, 2023
- B. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 25, 2024

**MINUTES
CITY OF WHITTIER
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 13230 PENN STREET
NOVEMBER 27, 2023 – 6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Rubalcaba called the regular meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission to order at 6:03 p.m., in the Council Chamber of Whittier City Hall, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, California.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Christopher Rubalcaba, Chair
Julian Cepeda, Commissioner
Susan Eiden, Commissioner

ABSENT: Pamela Korporaal, Vice Chair
Beth Robinson, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:

Erin Hamilton, Community Services Manager
Stacey Arismendez, Community Services Supervisor
Margo Diamond, Management Analyst
Janine McKenna, Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Rubalcaba led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.A. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Eiden, seconded by Commissioner Cepeda, and carried 3-0 to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 23, 2023 (Vice Chair Korporaal and Commissioner Robinson absent).

5.B. Street Banner Program

The Street Banner Program subcommittee met last month to discuss theme and logo options for the 2024 Street Banner Program. Supervisor Arismendez presented four options for the Commission to review and select the final logo from. "Explore Whittier", was selected as the final logo from these options:

1. "When I Think Whittier..."
2. "Explore Whittier"
3. "Whittier, Our Roots Run Deep"
4. "Color Outside the Lines"

It was motioned by Commissioner Cepeda, seconded by Commissioner Eiden, and carried 3-0 to select, "Explore Whittier", as the final logo for the 2024 Street Banner Program (Vice Chair Korporaal and Commissioner Robinson absent).

5.C. Visual Arts and Chalktastic Updates

Supervisor Arismendez provided Visual Arts and Chalktastic updates.

Visual Arts

- Received enough artist proposals last year to create a slate through March 2024.
- Call to Artists for 2024-25 begins in December.
- Will call again in six months if not enough responses received.

Chalktastic

- Over 160 artists pre-registered.
- 118 artists participated: less artists likely due to inclement weather.
- People's Choice and five age category awards were given.
- Winners were photographed and received social media recognition.
- Community coloring book was available for the community to color in.
- November date change worked out well.

Chair Rubalcaba thought Chalktastic was fantastic, featured amazing artists and that it was nice to see more people there. Commissioner Eiden agreed that it was a lot of fun and recommends considering a category where families could work together as a group.

6. SECRETARY'S COMMENTS

Manager Hamilton provided updates.

- Looking forward to another Street Banner Program.
- Supervisor Arismendez will send out a Call to Artists for visual art closer to summertime due to the slate we currently have.
 - Local artists and surrounding communities welcome.
- Whittier Community Theatre is currently open and booked through the end of 2024.
- Parks Master Plan: will present to Council in January; plan will be used for next 10-15 years.
- Senior Center re-opening in January.
 - Will do a "Save the Date" for Ribbon Cutting.
 - Staff officially in the building now.
- Short month for December.
 - No Cultural Arts Commission meeting in December.

- City Hall will be closed December 23rd through January 2nd.
- Looking forward to great things happening in 2024.

Upcoming Events

- December kicks off holiday events:
 - The Whittier Community Foundation's Snowflakes are on the 5 Points bridge.
 - Red holiday banners are located up and down Whittier Boulevard.
 - Letters to Santa are going on now through 12/13.
- 12/01: Rose Parade tickets available at whittierrec.com. City is selling tickets for a bus trip to the January 1st parade in Pasadena.
- 12/02: Tree Lighting Ceremony with carolers and hot cocoa in front of City Hall before the Sonata, in partnership with Whittier Uptown Association.
- 12/09: 69th Annual Uptown Christmas Parade.
- 12/16: Cookies with Santa at the Community Center.

7. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Eiden enjoyed Chalktastic. She attended Yoshio Nakamura's show at the Whittier Art Gallery. She also met with the renovation committee for the Emma Wicker Auditorium. She will be directing, "California Suite", at the Whittier Community Theatre (auditions 12/11–12/12). She wished everyone a great holiday season.

Commissioner Cepeda did not make it to Chalktastic but did see the artwork after. He will be attending a candlelight concert in Santa Monica. He extended happy holiday wishes to everyone.

Chair Rubalcaba is not going to the Tree Lighting and Sonata because he will be attending his son's debut at the Murphy Ranch musical. He wished everyone a happy holiday season.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the Cultural Arts Commission on _____.

Virginia Santana, Secretary

**MINUTES
CITY OF WHITTIER
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 13230 PENN STREET
MARCH 25, 2024 – 6:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Vice-Chair Korporaal 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, Vice Chair
Beth Robinson, Commissioner
Susan Eiden, Commissioner

ABSENT: Christopher Rubalcaba, Chair
Julian Cepeda, Commissioner

STAFF PRESENT:

Stacey Arismendez, Community Services Supervisor
Margo Diamond, Management Analyst
Roxanne Gonzalez, Administrative Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Eiden led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.A. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Commissioner Eiden, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, and carried 1-0 to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 27, 2023 (Absent: Chair Rubalcaba and Commissioner Cepeda).

5.B. Poet Laureate Update

Community Services Supervisor informed the Commission that the Poet Laureate Program is in the process of being moved forward to Council through the Library Board of Trustees who is overseeing the program at this time. Commissioner Eiden stated that she, Chair Rubalcaba and two members from the Library Board of Trustees worked as a sub-committee to research other cities who have a Poet

Laureate Program and determine the best fit for a program here in Whittier. Commissioner Robinson asked if the Library Board of Trustees would present the Poet Laureate Program to Council, not the Cultural Arts Commission. Supervisor Arismendez confirmed this.

Vice-Chair Korporaal asked once the Library Board of Trustees takes the Poet Laureate to Council will a member of the Cultural Arts Commission be able to sit in on the sub-committee. Supervisor Arismendez responded that Council will determine if there is a need for a Poet Laureate sub-committee and whether the sub-committee will include a member from the Cultural Arts Commission.

5.C. Street Banner Program Updates

Community Services Supervisor Arismendez stated that we received 360 Street Banner submissions, and the sub-committee selected 120 finalists. She elaborated that Chair Rubalcaba and Vice-Chair Korporaal helped select the Street Banner finalists. Supervisor Arismendez added that the banners will be hung for three months throughout the summer beginning in June. The banner reception for all artists will be held on June 11, 2024.

Vice Chair Korporaal asked if artists must pay to buy back their banner. Supervisor Arismendez stated that if the artist wishes to buy back their banner, then they can do so for \$25 dollars. She added that some schools will buy back the banners for their students who participated and were selected as finalists for the program.

6. SECRETARY'S COMMENTS

Management Analyst Diamond provided the following updates:

- March 23, we hosted Eggxtravaganza. We had great attendance regardless of the rain. Although we cancelled the egg hunts, we handed out bags of candies to all event attendees.
- The Municipal election is ongoing through April 6. There are voting locations in every district.
- The Whittier Beautification Program deadline was extended to April 5. Most submissions we received were from the unincorporated Whittier area. To be selected or considered for an award the address must fall within incorporated Whittier. The program was posted on Instagram (@whittiercitygov and @whittierprcs) and on the Parks, Recreation and Community Services landing page.
- Spring Day Camp began today, and we are happy to report the program sold out. Spring Day Camp is Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- On May 4, we will host the Public Safety Expo.
- On April 20, we will host Keep Whittier Prettier from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. We will have three pop ups (Palm Park Station; Oak Station at Laurel and Lambert; Murphy Ranch Park). Shirts will be given out to attendees.
- Spring swim lessons are sold out and lessons will begin on April 16. Summer swim registration will open on April 16.

- Registration for Summer Day Camp is on April 15 at 9:00 a.m.
- Volunteer applications will open on April 22.
- Summer WYN Program will open on April 29 at 9:00 a.m.
- Summer Concerts sub-committee met and selected bands. Staff is working on getting bands booked and finalizing the summer line up.
- At tomorrow's Council meeting our department will be recognized for the two awards we won at CPRS. We received the Social Media Excellence award, and the Community Champion award which Bobby Ruiz was nominated for.

7. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Eiden congratulated the department on their awards. She shared that she directed California Sweep at the Whittier Community Theater. The next auditions are April 8 and 9 for Moon over Buffalo which will be directed by Amy Miramontes. She also shared the different events she attended since the last meeting in November. Commissioner Eiden attended the following events: Judged the submissions by East Whittier City School District students and was invited to the Reflections award ceremony at Ocean View Elementary whose choir sang; East Whittier City School District talent show; Laurel Elementary School talent show. Commissioner Eiden also stated that Dennis McGonagle collaborated with students to create the mural at Laurel Elementary and attending the reveal of the mural.

Commissioner Robinson congratulated the department on their awards as well.

Vice-Chair Korporaal informed us that from April 3 to April 13, the Whittier City School District student art show will be at the Whittier Art Gallery. Then from April 17 to April 27, the East Whittier City School District student art show will be at the Whittier Art Gallery. Both shows are from Wednesday to Saturday, 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The reception for the Whittier City School District will be held on April 3 and April 10 until 7:00 p.m., and the reception for the East Whittier City School District will be held on April 17 from 5:50 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. She added that the Community Theater Group, Whittier Art Gallery will be highlighting Plain Air, will have supplies for students sketch models dressed in costumes. Encouraging Plain Air artists to set up on the edges of the park so attendees can watch them create art. Woodworkers of Whittier will be donating little cars for kids who come into the art gallery to have an opportunity to embellish them. Several Whittier community members placed their art pieces into the Santa Fe Springs art fest. Three of the judges from the Whittier art gallery and we have incorporated Robert Miller from Rio Hondo, ceramics teacher who will judge the 3D art. The art festival will be held at Heritage Park this year.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the Cultural Arts Commission on _____.



Agenda Report

Cultural Arts Commission

Date: April 22, 2024

To: Cultural Arts Commission

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

Subject: Freedom Art Piece Replacement

RECOMMENDATION

Review the recommendation from the Art in Public Places Advisory Committee regarding the allocation of funds from the AIPP Maintenance Account for the replacement of the "Freedom" art piece and recommend to City Council to approve the use of funds to replace the missing statue.

BACKGROUND

In 2020, the Cultural Arts Commission endorsed the Art in Public Places Committee's recommendation to approve Jane Dedecker's art piece entitled "Freedom," to be placed in the York Field Sports Complex.

"Freedom" is described by the artist as follows:

"Freedom" is an existing 1.25 life-size composition modified to add softball and baseball gear to create a site-specific placement for the York Field Sports Complex. Depicting a dynamic collection of children and a dog at play. This design reflects on the setting and activities of the site; emphasizes positive interaction and speaks to multiple generations with universal appeal. One can either see themselves, a friend, or a family member in the artwork which provides a great opportunity for photo opportunities.

The five children chase after a Retriever that has snatched one of the kid's mitts as they race to a game or practice. Several children wear baseball caps and uniforms, one carries a bat. The existing trees in the planter provide spacing for the care-free running children. There is a balance of ages and genders depicted in the children. These added baseball features will be added in wax before casting.

"Freedom" exhibits the best of America's pastime, camaraderie, sportsmanship, and the pleasures of the sun on your face and wind in your hair as you turn for home plate. This placement shall echo the identity of this culturally rich and pulsating community and become an iconic image for York Field Sports Complex.

DISCUSSION

In February of this year, one of the bronze statues was stolen from the York Field Sports Complex. The Kinkade Foundation and the Artist, Jane Dedecker, were contacted

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regarding replacement, and a bid was obtained. Due to inflation and the cost of materials, the price has increased in the past three years. The cost to mold, cast, patina, and install the new statue is estimated at \$64,620.

This is not the first time an art piece has been stolen from the City's art collection, but it is the first time an attempt has been made on this particular art piece since installation. There also have been some security issues within the sports division and a growing number of thefts have led to security cameras and an alarm system being purchased for the Sports Complex before this theft occurred. The cameras and alarm system will be installed in a few weeks and will assist in preventing further theft of the remaining art pieces.

At the March 27, 2024, meeting the Art in Public Places Advisory Committee unanimously voted to recommend the allocation of funds to recommend the allocation of funds from the Art in Public Places maintenance account to the Cultural Arts Commission to replace the statue.

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL

Goal 4: Transparent & Open Government

ATTACHMENTS

A. DeDecker Replacement Quote

Quote

National Sculptors' Guild
 PO Box 848
 Loveland, CO 80539

Initial Invoice	Invoice #
3/19/2024	

JK DESIGNS, INC. 84-1216653

Bill To
 City of Whittier
 Attn: Erin Hamilton
 13230 Penn Street
 Whittier, CA 90602-1772

P.O. No.	Due Date	Terms
	5/20/2024	Payment Due

Ar	Description	Amount
	Jane DeDecker Replacement Cost: 1 bronze figure from Freedom sculpture: Boy with Glove, includes customized sculpt in wax of baseball elements = uniform, number, hat, glove. Installation Services: Includes core-drilling to remove old hardware and install new, thicker/longer stainless steel all-thread, reinstallation of Sculpture anchored with Hilti-Epoxy and any equipment necessary to move the artwork. Insured Pack and Transport from studio to site.	58,000.00 4,960.00 1,660.00
	Due to foundry schedules, casting will take a few months, we will work to expedite as much as possible.	
	Payment of one-half to begin work.	
	Quote will need to be reworked for material and labor increases if not accepted in 60 days of receipt.	

As always, a pleasure working with you. Thank you for your continued support.	Subtotal	\$64,620.00
	Sales Tax (0.0%)	\$0.00
	Total	\$64,620.00

3% processing fee added when paid by credit card

Please Note: Invoices Unpaid by Net 30 Days will incur a 2% Penalty

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 Please call us with questions 1.800.606.2015

Thank You!

Payment Due	\$32,310.00
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