



LA MESA ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION AGENDA

A Special Meeting

Date: Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 4:30 p.m.
Location: La Mesa Community Center Conference Room, 4975 Memorial Drive
La Mesa, California

Commissioners: Chair Karen Childress-Evans
Vice Chair Mickey Mounarath
Commissioner Sherida Bonton
Commissioner Rodney Elliot
Commissioner Alison Lindsay
Commissioner Stephen Reaves
Commissioner Melissa Weiss Walter

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1. CALL TO ORDER
 - 1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
2. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS – (TOTAL TIME – 15 MINUTES)

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4. CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

5.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2024

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5.2 City Council Arts & Culture Subcommittee Update

5.3 Public Art Policy Update

5.4 SD ART Matters

Local Arts Agency Learning Network Capacity Building Program update and grant proposal discussion.

5.5 Request for Qualifications (RFQ) - Artist to Work Program Update

6. STAFF AND COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

7. ADJOURNMENT



La Mesa Arts and Culture Commission

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date: December 18, 2024, 4:00 p.m.
Location: La Mesa Community Center Conference Room, 4975 Memorial Drive
La Mesa, California

Present: Chair Karen Childress-Evans
Vice Chair Mickey Mounarath
Commissioner Rodney Elliot
Commissioner Stephen Reaves
Commissioner Melissa Weiss Walter

Absent: Commissioner Sherida Bonton
Commissioner Alison Lindsay

Staff: Director of Community Services Susan Richardson
Senior Management Analyst Misty Thompson
Recreation Supervisor Julie Aguilar

This meeting was conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with Government Code Section 54953, as amended by Assembly Bill 361, in relation to the COVID-19 State of Emergency and recommended social distancing measures.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Dr. Childress-Evans called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

1.1 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

2. **PRESENTATION**

None

3. **ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

None

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5. CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

None

6. CURRENT BUSINESS

6.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of September 4, 2024

Minutes reviewed and approved

Moved by Vice Chair Mounarath

Seconded by Commissioner Reaves

Motion Approved

6.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 16, 2024

Minutes reviewed and approved.

Moved by Vice Chair Mounarath

Seconded by Commissioner Reaves

Motion Approved

6.3 Arts and Culture Commission Work Plan

Review 2024 work plan and make recommendations for 2025 work plan

2024 Work Plan reviewed.

2025 Work Plan reviewed and approved.

Moved by Vice Chair Mounarath

Seconded by Commissioner Elliot

Motion Approved

6.4 Arts and Culture Master Plan

Senior Management Analyst Thompson reviewed the current status of the Arts and Culture Master Plan. A consultant will be hired early 2025 to create plan.

6.5 San Diego ART Matters

Local Arts Agency Learning Network Capacity Building Program Update
Vice Chair Mounarath and Recreation Supervisor Aguilar provided an update on San Diego ART Matters orientation.

7. STAFF AND COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Weiss Walter provided an update on her art exhibit at the Institute of Contemporary Art in Encinitas.

Commissioner Reaves shared an image of his artwork.

Vice Chair Mounarath shared information about two upcoming performances.

Chair Dr. Childress-Evans shared that she will be participating in a Winter Fair held at the San Diego Animal Sanctuary and Farm in Alpine on December 22.

Community Services Director Richardson thanked the commission for their hard work and announced Senior Management Analyst Thompson as the Interim Director for Community Services.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Dr. Childress-Evans adjourned the meeting at 4:58 p.m.