



La Mesa Arts and Culture Commission

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date: May 15, 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 Alison Lindsay
Commissioner Melissa Weiss Walter

Absent: Commissioner Sherida Bonton
Commissioner Stephen Reaves

Staff: Director of Community Services Susan Richardson
Senior Management Analyst Misty Thompson

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 Childress- Evans called the meeting to order at 4:03 PM.

1.1 **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

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

NOTE: In accordance with state law, an item not scheduled on the agenda may be brought forward by the general public for comment; however, the Arts and Culture Commission will not be able to discuss or take any action on the item at

this meeting. If appropriate, the item will be referred to Staff or placed on a future agenda.

None

4. CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

None

5. CURRENT BUSINESS

5.1 Approval of minutes from Regular Meeting of April 17, 2024

Moved by Commissioner Weiss Walter

Seconded by Vice Chair Mounarath

Motion Approved

5.2 Mural Projects Updates

- a. Collier Park
- b. Walkway of the Stars
- c. Lemon Ave. Parking Lot

- a. Collier Park Mural community paint day will begin on June 27, 2024.
- b. Working on agreements for artists for Walkway of the Stars & Lemon Avenue.

5.3 Art in the Park

Sr. Management Analyst Thompson provided information about the upcoming Art in the Park event on May 18, 2024.

6. STAFF AND COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Director Richardson announced that City Council provided ARPA funding for an upcoming Artists to Work Program. Staff will work on identifying public owned spaces for potential art installations. Commission will be asked to research RFP samples for calls for artists.

Sr. Management Analyst Thompson announced an upcoming project for the La Mesita Skate Park feasibility study. Commission requested some sort of public art be included.

Commissioner Elliot attended a fundraiser event at Lions, Tigers and Bears.

Commissioner Mounarath's studio is putting on production of Willie Wonka May 17-19, 2024.

Commissioner Lindsay announced LMAAC Gala on campus on May 30, and four students are finalists in Helix Water District art contest.

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Childress-Evans adjourned the meeting at 5:00 PM to the July 17, 2024 meeting, no meeting in June due to Juneteenth holiday.