



La Mesa Arts and Culture Commission

Minutes of a Regular Meeting

Date: August 21, 2024, 4:00 p.m.
Location: La Mesa Community Center Conference Room, 4975 Memorial Drive
La Mesa, California

Present: Vice Chair Mickey Mounarath
Commissioner Sherida Bonton
Commissioner Rodney Elliot
Commissioner Alison Lindsay
Commissioner Stephen Reaves
Commissioner Melissa Weiss Walter

Absent: Chair Karen Childress-Evans

Staff: 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

Commissioner Weiss Walter called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. PRESENTATION

3. ADDITIONS AND/OR DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA

3.1 Staff requested that an item to appoint a representative(s) to attend the EV Charging Station Master Plan Working Group meetings be added to the agenda as item 6.5

3.2 Staff requested that Felicia Shaw, Executive Director from San Diego Art Matters be allowed to present to the commission

Ms. Shaw introduced a grant-funded, year-long capacity building program for one staff and one volunteer. Item will be added to next agenda for further discussion.

4. 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

5. CONFLICT DISCLOSURES

None

6. CURRENT BUSINESS

6.1 Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2024

Moved by Commissioner Reaves

Seconded by Commissioner Elliot

Motion Approved

6.2 Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting August 5, 2024

Approved with correction to section 5.1.6, removal of " Sherida Branton joined the meeting at 2:32 pm. and correction to 5.2 change time from 2:31 to 12:25 pm. After investigation, Sherida's time was reflective of an incorrect attendance time.

Moved by Commissioner Lindsay

Seconded by Commissioner Elliot

Motion Approved

6.3 Mural Project Update

Review artists' proposed designs for Walkway of the Stars mural project and consider making recommendation to City Council.

1. Shannen Mythen

Motion: Recommend for City Council Approval

Moved by Commissioner Reaves

Seconded by Commissioner Weiss Walter

Motion Approved

2. Nolan Lee

Revision requested by commission prior to approval.

Revision requests:

- Hands have more contrast.
- Add darkness below center head to represent neck.
- Rework the shape of the jewel and remove the writing or look at ways to make it visible without obstructing the images.

3. Channin Fulton

Approval obtained contingent on artist agreeance to remove words, "Thanks for your help!"

Motion: Recommend for City Council Approval

Moved by Commissioner Elliot

Seconded by Commissioner Bonton

Motion Approved

6.4 Art and Culture Master Plan

Sr. Management Analyst Thompson announced that the La Mesa Park & Recreation Foundation was awarded \$120,000 from the Prebys Foundation to create an Arts and Culture Master Plan. A request was made for 1-2 commissioners

Motion: Vice Chair Mounarath and Commissioner Elliot to participate

Moved by Commissioner Reaves

Seconded by Commissioner Lindsay

Motion Approved

6.5 EV Charging Station Master Plan Working Group

Appoint representative(s) to attend the EV Charging Station Master Plan Working Group meetings.

Motion: Vice Chair Mounarath and Commissioner Bronton to attend

Moved by Commissioner Lindsay

Seconded by Commissioner Weiss Walter

Motion Approved

7. STAFF AND COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sr. Management Analyst Thompson announced La Mesa Rocks and Charity Golf Tournament Fundraisers are Sept. 7 and 8 at Riverwalk Golf Club.

Special Events Supervisor Aguilar announced Movies in the Park this Friday at Collier Park.

Commissioner Elliot shared he is working downtown LA Pride.

Commissioner Lindsay is getting school involved in International Dot Day. She will have two themes for this year's gallery openings: Surrealism and Cartooning.

Commissioner Reaves is taking an oil painting class.

Commissioner Weiss Walter announced her art exhibit at the Institute of Contemporary Art in Encinitas. There will also be a panel discussion on October 19.

Commissioner Bronton will be working with her children's school to submit art grants.

Vice Chair Mounarath shared his dance company is performing a concert called New York Rap City.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Mounarath adjourned the meeting at 5:52 PM.