



## **La Mesa Arts and Culture Commission**

### **Minutes of a Regular Meeting**

Date: March 20, 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 Sherida Bonton  
Commissioner Rodney Elliot

Absent: Commissioner Alison Lindsay  
Commissioner Stephen Reaves  
Commissioner Melissa Weiss Walter

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.

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#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Childress-Evans called the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

##### **1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

None

#### **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 February 21, 2024.**

**Moved by** Vice Chair Mounarath

**Seconded by** Commissioner Elliot

**Motion Approved**

**5.2 Walkway of the Stars Artist Recommendation**

Review recommendation from Artist Selection Committee of artist proposals for mural project.

**Moved by** Vice Chair Mounarath

**Seconded by** Commissioner Elliot

**Motion Approved**

**5.3 Lemon Avenue Lot Mural**

Determine method for selecting artist for project.

Staff recommended that because there was such a great turnout for the Walkway of the Stars project that we offer the top ranked artist the choice of the Lemon Ave project and negotiate to enter into agreement.

**Motion: Staff recommendation**

**Moved by** Vice Chair Mounarath

**Seconded by** Commissioner Bonton

**Motion Approved (4 to 0)**

#### **5.4 Artists to Work Public Art Program**

Staff provided information that City Council allocated ARPA funding for an Artist to Work Program that would be spread between the seven maintenance districts. Guidelines and more information to come.

#### **5.5 Collier Park Mural Project**

Agreement with ArtReach is being routed.

### **6. STAFF AND COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Sr. Management Analyst Thompson announced that Art in the Park event will be May 18th.

Vice-Chair Mounarath announced that Kidz Dance Company will have a performance on the March 30th.

Commissioner Elliot will be at the Rolando Street Fair on April 14th

Chairperson Childress-Evans will be playing in Borrego March 23-24.

### **7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Childress-Evans adjourned the meeting at 5:05 PM