

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE (CAC)
Meeting Date: November 14, 2019**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:50 p.m. by Kathleen Eric

Present: Kathleen Eric, Jason Komala, Daniel Bragg, Rocky Evans, Anthony (Tony) Manrique, Monica Morita, Debrianna Obara and David Sonnenberg

Absent: Charlene Ashendorf, Frank Gutierrez and Tracy Taber

Council Member Present: Andrea Marr

Staff Present: Ashley Thomas and Elena Martinez

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES October 10, 2019 meeting minutes

Debrianna made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by David; the vote passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Costa Mesa resident, Wendy Pang, introduced herself to the Committee. She noted that she was in attendance so that she can learn more about the Committee.

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Arts and Culture Master Plan

1. Staff informed the Committee that the master plan presentation to City Council is scheduled for December 17.

B. Galleries

Youth Art Gallery (YAG)

1. Staff informed the Committee that Sonora Elementary School's reception is scheduled for November 18 from 5-6pm.

Art on the Fifth

1. Rocky noted that Norberto's reception is also scheduled for November 18, simultaneous to the YAG reception.

"The Exhibit" at the Senior Center

1. Staff notified the Committee that Kevin Moran's reception is on November 25 from 12-1:30pm on the second floor of the Senior Center.

C. Directory of the Arts

1. Jason informed the Committee that there are 54 artists and 20 art organizations on the directory.

D. Art in Public Places – Utility Box Art

1. Council Member Marr recommended an artistic vinyl wrap on the utility box off Victoria Street and National Avenue.

E. CAC Grant Fund

1. Tony announced they had one new applicant.
2. Staff noted that grant recipient Costa Mesa Women's Club had a successful holiday art show. A handful of committee members noted that they attended and had a great time.

F. Pop-up Art Events

1. Rocky noted that the subcommittee is still working on the "Faces of Costa Mesa" project. They are exploring some upcoming community events that they can attend, and ultimately obtain some more pictures.

G. ARTventure 2020

1. Staff announced the ARTventure 2020 is scheduled for September 11 and 12. Staff requested for committee members to join the subcommittee. Daniel and Debrianna volunteered.
2. Kathleen shared a message, on behalf of Frank, that he would like every utility box artist to submit an application to ARTventure and he would like to have 10 more walls crafted. Staff told the Committee that she would have to check if there is enough storage for 10 more walls. Rocky recommended to have the walls powder coated to prevent rusting.

H. Art Donation Policy

1. No update.

I. CM Portrait Series

1. Staff informed the Committee the creator of the series no longer works for the City but the episodes will continue once a new staff member is onboard. Staff encouraged the Committee to submit artist recommendations for future episodes.

J. Vendor Booth Opportunities

1. Staff announced the art walk will be on hiatus until early 2020.

K. Scarecrow Festival

1. Rocky announced the CAC's scarecrow won the People's Choice Award. Staff thanked Rocky and Charlene for leading the charge on this project.

L. Crosswalk Art Program

1. No update.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. Statues for Equality

1. Staff stated that an organization called Statues for Equality reached out in regards to co-funding a statue of a Costa Mesa woman of their choice. Their goal is to honor the 100-year anniversary of legalizing women's right to vote by subsidizing the cost for women statues. The Committee members decided to revisit the project at the next meeting.

B. Asphalt Art Initiative Grant

1. Staff informed the Committee that the Utility Box Art Program is eligible for this grant and that Charlene submit an application. Daniel made a motion proceed with this grant opportunity. The motion was seconded by Jason and the vote passed unanimously.

C. 2020 Goals

1. Staff mentioned that at next meeting the Committee will need to set goals for 2020.

6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

1. Monica stated she visited Puerto Rico and highlighted their public art.
2. Daniel highlighted that Anastasia is playing at the Segerstrom Center for the Arts.
3. Staff spoke on behalf of Charlene to announce South Coast Plaza is featuring a public art piece titled "Now or Never."

7. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

1. Council Member Marr informed the Committee that she attended local artist Marie Lavallee's exhibit at the Showcase Art Gallery.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m. by Kathleen Eric.

Next meeting: Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 6:45 p.m. in 1A at City Hall.