



**City of El Segundo
Arts and Culture Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes
for September 27, 2022 5:30 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge that we are holding this meeting on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Tongva. We recognize the Tongva people as the traditional land caretakers of Tovaangar (Los Angeles basin, So. Channel Islands). We also acknowledge that Los Angeles County is home to the largest Indigenous populations in the U.S.

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m. by Chairperson Natalie Strong.

B. ROLL CALL

1. Members present: Joanna Bowe (arrived 5:33PM), Jane Burrell, Maureen Kingsley, Brian Mitchell, Joan Palmer, Chairperson Natalie Strong, Tanya Taylor, Vice Chairperson Neal Von Flue

City Council Liaisons:

Councilmember Lance Giroux – not present
Councilmember Scot Nicol – not present

2. City Staff Liaisons present:
Senior Librarian Julie Todd, Cultural Arts Coordinator Sam Lee, Senior Admin. Specialist Brandee Thornton

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Montana Avenue Capital Partners' Emily Chen, Lauren Raab and Ryan Udkoff present public art on site plan for 1940 Mariposa.
(Emily Chen, Lauren Raab, Ryan Udkoff/20 minutes)

Emily Chen introduced Charlie to present his mural proposal to the group. Emily thanked the Committee for allowing them to share their proposal. The artist shared his history with El Segundo as the town is the location of his first mural. The mural proposed for 1940 Mariposa is called Pacific Blues and it is aimed to share about sustainability in El Segundo. It is a geometric abstract presentation inclusive of elements that are found in El Segundo, with a cooler colorway. The artist's mural has some level of dimension with the inclusion of wood panels in the project.

A verbal vote was taken by Julie Todd.

MOTIONED by Chairperson Natalie Strong and SECONDED by Brian Mitchell to approve the public art on site plan for 1940 Mariposa as presented. Motion CARRIED 8-0.

2. John McCullough presents a wrap-up of Art Walk 2022.
(John McCullough/20 minutes)

John shared statistics on how much the event grew from last year, the positive impact made on the local businesses and the vision for the Art Walk in future years.

Committee members questioned the decision to have the Art Walk a one weekend event opposed to having another satellite event sometime throughout the year. There was also comment on the funding of the Art Walk as the City is currently funding 2/3 of the event cost.

Neal Von Flue requested final numbers be shared with Julie Todd and Sam Lee for the event.

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Julie Holop discussed creating an alternative teen space. Julie is looking to the City to add a space for the youth that will be more inclusive to those who are not interested in the sports and outdoor activities currently being offered. Julie also suggested we involve the teens in the design of this new space. ACC suggested that Julie Holop return to continue the discussion as an agenda item in the near future.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES for August 23,2022

1. Approval of minutes of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Regular Meeting of August 23,2022.

A verbal vote was taken by Julie Todd.

MOTIONED by Tanya Taylor and SECONDED by Joan Palmer to approve the August 23, 2022 minutes. Motion CARRIED 8-0.

F. SPECIAL BUSINESS – NONE

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Updates on Jr. ACC Membership research.
(Natalie Strong/15 minutes)

Natalie Strong reached out the president at the Da Vinci School and has not heard back. Giana Summers runs the choir program at the high school and mentioned that AVID youth should be involved with Jr. ACC Membership because a part of their program is community service.

Neal Von Flue commented that the Teen Advisory Committee may be the best route to pursue to add a Jr. Member to the ACC.

2. Continued conversation on City flag redesign and next steps.
(Julie Todd/15 minutes)

Julie shared that after discussing with Recreation, Parks & Library Director Aly Mancini, they concluded that the end of 2023 is a good deadline to have the flag redesign project completed. There is still a question of where the funding for this project will come from.

Neal Von Flue shared that the redesign of the flag should not be an urgent priority as there are many other commitments that need to be addressed. The Committee is waiting for concrete direction from City Council, Aly Mancini, and the City Manager.

H. NEW BUSINESS - NONE

I. GOVERNANCE

Julie Todd is working with Mishia Jennings to establish a future time for interviews to fill the two vacant ACC positions. Julie is also discussing with Mishia the possibilities of turning one of the regular member seats into a junior ACC member. Julie shared that DEI started with a junior member, but they resigned in six months due to school and other commitments.

Sam Lee shared the names of the four final artists for the Visual Artists in Community initiative, including Jovi Schnell, who proposed creating a mural in April 2023 in the El Segundo Public Library as well as engaging the public in two workshops. Artist Lindsay Carron will focus on a mural and community gardening workshop. Miles Lewis proposed a series of portraits focusing on the diversity of El Segundo's high school youth. Lastly, Soo Kim will create community-driven artistic street banners.

Sam also shared that photographer Steven Nilsson's black and white photography is currently on display through mid-November. Steven will lead a photography workshop, date, and time to be determined.

Sam mentioned that the ukulele lessons have been more popular than expected, and that the plan is to purchase one left-handed ukulele and three more right-handed instruments using the Public Engagement Fund. All committee members supported this request.

J. ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Joanna Bowe – no comment

Jane Burrell – no comment

Maureen Kingsley – no comment

Brian Mitchell – shared that the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee should be made aware of new construction within the city, especially at the schools as there could be space for public art to be displayed.

Joan Palmer – no comment

Chairperson Natalie Strong – shared about her upcoming adult journaling class that takes place at the Joslyn Center.

Vice Chairperson Von Flue – City Council approved the Imperial Gateway project and the Arts and Culture Committee is being asked to be involved in the lettering and design of the signage at Gateway.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS – NONE

Councilmember Lance Giroux – not present

Councilmember Scot Nicol – not present

K. CITY LIAISON UPDATES

The Halloween event is taking place on October 22nd and the word is officially out to the public. Julie asked if anyone was interested in volunteering.

Sam thanked Jane for inviting Hope Anita Smith to the Women's Lunch where she was able to share her poems.

L. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.

A verbal vote was taken by Julie Todd.

MOTIONED by Joan Palmer and **SECONDED** by Maureen Kingsley to adjourn the meeting. Motion **CARRIED** 8-0.

NEXT MEETING: on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 5:30 pm, in person at the El Segundo Public Library's Community Room.