



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

Meeting Minutes
for February 28, 2023 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 5:30 p.m. by Vice Chairperson Maureen Kingsley.

B. ROLL CALL

1. Members present: Joanna Bowe (left at 7:52 p.m.), Vice Chairperson Maureen Kingsley, Joan Palmer, John Pickhaver, Natalie Strong, Tanya Taylor (left at 7:19 p.m.), Ioana Urma, Neal Von Flue

City Council Liaisons:
Councilmember Lance Giroux

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

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Warren Brand, President of Branded Arts presents Public Art Plan for 817 E. Franklin Avenue.
(Warren Brand/15 minutes)

Warren Brand presented his Public Art Plan for 817 E. Franklin Avenue, featuring Scott Listfield's *El Segundo Astronaut, the Cloud*. Ioana Urma suggested changing the mural's stylized cloud because it looks like an explosion. Neal Von Flue asked about Scott Listfield's painting process. Warren Brand shared that a scissor lift will be used to reach higher wall areas while painting and the artist will apply paint by brush. Tanya Taylor asked how long the project is expected to remain on the building. Warren informed that the mural will be there for the foreseeable future. Vice Chairperson Maureen Kingsley asked if Branded Arts is responsible for maintaining the project. Warren Brand confirmed that they will keep an eye on the mural and make sure any touchups are addressed as needed. A plaque will be added to this art piece and will be approved by the City before installation.

A verbal vote was taken by Julie Todd.

MOTIONED by Vice Chairperson Maureen Kingsley and SECONDED by Joan Palmer to approve Warren Brand's Public Art Plan for 817 E. Franklin as is. Motion CARRIED 7-1. Ioana Urma voted not to approve.

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Community member Leslie Evans spoke on behalf of the El Segundo Community Band. She is requesting help in publicizing their upcoming concert that will take place on April 2, 2023.

Eric Petterson of Tapizon stopped by and spoke about his interest in bringing more light and life to the north end of Main Street during the evening.

Public communication was reopened at 7:25 p.m.

John McCullough of ESAW asked to be agendaized to present on the upcoming 2023 Art Walk at the March 28th meeting.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES for January 24, 2023.

1. Approval of minutes of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Regular Meeting of January 24, 2023.

A verbal vote was taken by Julie Todd.

MOTIONED by Neal Von Flue and SECONDED by Natalie Strong to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2023 ACC meeting. Motion CARRIED 8-0.

F. SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Council action on January 17, 2023 regarding inclusion of CDF in Council Finance Subcommittee. (Councilmember Giroux/30 minutes)

Vice Chairperson Maureen Kingsley inquired about the decision for the City Manager to create a report on the activities of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee. She asked Councilmember Giroux how that sort of report is created and what role the ACC should play in developing this report. Councilmember Giroux commented that the report is not currently top priority but did encourage the committee to create their own narrative.

Councilmember Giroux explained that Cultural Development funds will be allocated to and used for creating public art as a part of Capital Improvement Projects. When Cultural Development funds are used on CIPs, the committee must be involved in the selection of art at the facility. The intention behind setting aside funds for CIPs is to guarantee that there is enough, and that funding is not depleted on other projects. Any unused funds will be returned to the Cultural Development fund at project completion. The ACC will be involved in the work projects for any projects the CDF allocates money to.

Committee member Neal Von Flue shared that at the last ACC meeting, Finance Director, Joe Lillio told the ACC their allocated funds for the 2023/2024 fiscal year

is \$300k from \$326k in 2022/2023. Councilmember Giroux empowered the committee to ask the Finance Subcommittee and Council for more funding during this budget season as projects come up.

ACC members were encouraged to speak quarterly at Council meetings to share about their successes.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion of New FY 23/24 CDF budget and initiatives to recommend to Council. (Vice Chairperson Maureen Kingsley/30 minutes)

The committee will work on budgeting initiatives for the new fiscal year. Their ad hoc groups will work on finding accurate figures for each budget line item.

The Poet Laureate program will be restructured from a calendar year to the City's fiscal year. Moving forward, the Poet Laureate program will be classified as Literary Arts in the budget. The Visual Artists in Community program will be proposed to continue next fiscal year. The artists will be scheduled quarterly to complete their projects.

Ad hoc working groups have been created for initiative research and budget suggestions for the FY 23/24 to prepare for Council approval. Sam Lee will direct where assistance is needed for the ad hoc working groups.

Literary Arts Programming: Maureen Kingsley and John Pickhaver
Festival of Holidays: Natalie Strong and Neal Von Flue
Visual Artists in Community: Jane Burrell and Ioana Urma
Community Engagement: Joan Palmer and Ioana Urma
Art Walk: Neal Von Flue and Natalie Strong

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion of possible commissioned mural opportunity with Morpheus Space, Inc. (Sam Lee/15 minutes)

Morpheus Space, Inc. is proposing painting a mural somewhere in the City. There are few details known at this time.

I. GOVERNANCE

1. Updates on upcoming Poet Laureate programs. (Julie Todd/10 minutes)

On Wednesday, April 19th, Poet Laureate Hope Anita Smith is hosting a public poetry reading night at the Old Town Music Hall. She is also hosting two poetry writing workshops in March in preparation of the public reading. Poets 18 and older are encouraged to submit their work by April 6th to Sam Lee at slee3@elsegundo.org. El Segundo's Poet Laureate will review poems to be read on April 19th. Poet Laureate Hope Anita Smith will also lead a poetry writing workshop for El Segundo High School students at the high school library on April

25th for National Poetry Month. On Sunday, May 21, a Poet Laureate Poetry Tea will take place at ESMoA for mothers and their daughters ages 10 years and older, and on June 11th, a Father's Day event at Fire Station #1 featuring El Segundo's Poet Laureate. More information on both the Mother's Day and Father's Day programs to come.

2. Updates on *Women of the West* concert and Artists in Community initiative. (Sam Lee/10 minutes)

The *Women of the West* concert, a free event, is taking place this weekend at the El Segundo Performing Arts Center. Sam Lee encouraged all ACC members to reserve their tickets on EventBrite and invite friends.

J. ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Maureen Kingsley welcomed the new committee members.

Joan Palmer – none

John Pickhaver is a part of an organization that works to make El Segundo more equitable. They are hosting a happy hour on Thursday and he invited everyone to join.

Natalie Strong is hosting a Spring Break Art Camp for youth and is asking her fellow ACC members to spread the word.

Ioana Urma inquired about social media posting rules and if there is an El Segundo Artist Pool. Sam will send her the information.

Neal Von Flue welcomed the new committee members.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS – NONE
Councilmember Lance Giroux – left at 7:00 p.m.

K. CITY LIAISON UPDATES

Sam Lee shared about the *Small Treasures II Community Art Show* and encourage members to participate.

L. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

A verbal vote was taken by Julie Todd.

MOTIONED by Joan Palmer and SECONDED by Maureen Kingsley to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Motion CARRIED 6-0.

NEXT MEETING: on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 5:30 pm, in person at the El Segundo Public Library's Community Room.

Posted by: Julie Todd, Date & Time: