



## City of El Segundo Arts and Culture Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes  
for May 23, 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 Chairperson Eva Sweeney.

### B. ROLL CALL

1. Members present: Chairperson Eva Sweeney, Joanna Bowe, Jane Burrell, Vice Chairperson Maureen Kingsley, Brian Mitchell, Joan Palmer, John Pickhaver, Natalie Strong, Ioana Urma, and Neal Von Flue.

City Council Liaisons:

Councilmember Lance Giroux – absent

2. City Staff Liaisons present: Recreation, Parks and Library Director, Aly Mancini, Senior Librarian Julie Todd, Cultural Arts Coordinator Sam Lee, Senior Administrative Specialist Brandee Thornton.

### C. PRESENTATIONS

1. City Attorney Updates on Items Related to the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee.

Joaquin Vazquez presented information about service on the ACC, ethics, bylaws, government speech, conflict of interest, and the Brown Act. Committee member Neal Von Flue asked that everyone receive training on the Brown Act.

2. Ioana Urma presented *Our Parks* and *Art to Connect* projects.

Ioana shared an idea about adding more public art, specifically murals around the City including art on privately owned walls. Director Mancini recommended Ioana return with more research and present a proposal to the committee.

Neal Von Flue motioned to have Ioana return to the ACC with a presentation.

Ioana also shared about the Art to Connect project that would connect El Segundo to the other beach cities. Staff suggested Ioana share her ideas for this project during public comment to City Council.

### D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – NONE

### E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES for April 17, 2023

1. Approval of minutes of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Meeting of April 17, 2023.

A verbal vote was taken by Sam Lee.

MOTIONED by Brian Mitchell and SECONDED by Eva Sweeney to approve the minutes. Motion CARRIED 10-0.

## **F. SPECIAL BUSINESS – NONE**

## **G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Tanya Taylor presents Juneteenth's Budget Breakdown  
Black in Mayberry representatives asked the ACC for \$5,600 for their Juneteenth festival to fund arts related programming. Director Mancini advised that the ACC funding for this year has already been allocated to other projects and suggested including grants in the FY 23/24 budget. She also requested the ACC create policy and protocol around offering grants to non-profits and other organizations in the future. The ACC overwhelmingly supported the grant for Black in Mayberry and instructed staff to proceed with supporting the event.
2. Ioana Urma's *Public Art Archive* and *We Paint* programs  
Committee member Ioana Urma shared two projects she would like to ACC to engage. Staff recommended she present her ideas to City Council during public communications.
3. Recreation Park Subcommittee Appointments  
Natalie Strong was nominated to be the ACC representative for the Recreation Park Subcommittee. Ioana Urma was selected as the alternate appointee to the subcommittee. Staff will confirm with the city attorney if Natalie has any conflict of interest.

A verbal vote was taken by Sam Lee.

MOTIONED by Eva Sweeney and SECONDED by John Pickhaver. Motion CARRIED 10-0.

4. Summary Update for the Gateway Project (Main and Imperial Highway)  
Sam Lee shared that there was an RFP that went out without any interest from firms to work on the project. The Public Works department is currently seeking firms to complete the approved project.

## **H. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Discussion regarding the administrative and budget changes for the position of Cultural Arts Coordinator.  
Julie Todd shared with the committee that the library transitioned one of their librarian positions to the Cultural Arts Coordinator role to cover 25% of that salary. She requested that the ACC fund 100% of the Cultural Arts Coordinator salary. Committee members suggested that the City cover the 25% of the Coordinator role the library budget currently covers. Director Mancini informed that this

conversation will continue at another date.

**I. GOVERNANCE – NONE**

**J. ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

Joanna Bowe – no comments.

Jane Burrell – no comments.

Vice Chairperson Maureen Kingsley – no comments.

Brian Mitchell – Brian asked what would happen to the funding earmarked for the Gateway Project if it does not happen.

Joan Palmer – no comments.

John Pickhaver requested moving public communications on the agenda to before presentations.

Natalie Strong requested an update about Library Activation funding that was allocated from the ACC budget.

Chairperson Eva Sweeney resigned from the ACC. She thanked everyone for their continued service on the ACC.

Tanya Taylor – absent.

Ioana Urma – she requested the ACC start a conversation to look at grants for public art.

Neal Von Flue – thanked Eva for her contributions.

**CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS –**

Councilmember Lance Giroux – no comment

**K. DIRECTOR COMMENTS**

**L. CITY LIAISON UPDATES**

**M. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.**

A verbal vote was taken by Sam Lee.

MOTIONED by Eva Sweeney and SECONDED by Natalie Strong to adjourn the meeting. Motion CARRIED 10-0.

NEXT MEETING: on Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.