

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Agenda

CITY COUNCIL-APPOINTED BOARDS & COMMISSIONS



Date: Wednesday, May 7, 2025
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Civic Center Branch Library
Conference Room
365 F St, Chula Vista

Cultural Arts Commission Regular Meeting

Public Comments: Public comments may be submitted to the Cultural Arts Commission in the following ways:

- **In-person comments during the meeting.** Join us for the Cultural Arts Commission meeting at the time and location specified on this agenda to make your comments. Each person will be allotted three (3) minutes to address the Commission.
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Time Allotted for Speaking (*subject to change by the presiding officer*)

- **Agenda Items:** 3 minutes
- **General Public Comment** (not on agenda): 3 minutes

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1. CALL TO ORDER	
2. ROLL CALL Commissioners Bishop, Brady, Jing, Kohse, Muraoka, Rufolo, Ruiz, Sablan, Vice Chair Zavala, and Chair Ward	
3. CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 3.1 through 3.2) <i>The Commission will enact the Consent Calendar staff recommendations by one motion, without discussion, unless a Commissioner, member of the public, or staff requests that an item be removed for discussion. If you wish to speak on any item, please fill out a "Request to Speak" form and submit it to the Secretary prior to the meeting.</i>	
Recommended Action: Commission approve the recommended action on the below consent calendar items.	
3.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes Recommended Action: Approve the minutes dated: April 9, 2025	4
3.2 Written Communications Communication from Commissioner Sablan requesting an excused absence from the April 9, 2025 Cultural Arts Commission meeting. Recommended Action: Commission excuse the absence.	9
4. PUBLIC COMMENTS <i>Persons may address the Commission on any subject matter within the Commission's jurisdiction that is not listed as an item on the agenda. State law generally prohibits the Commission from discussing or taking action on any issue not included on the agenda, but, if appropriate, the Commission may schedule the topic for future discussion or refer the matter to staff. If you wish to speak on any item, please fill out a "Request to Speak" form and submit it to the Secretary prior to the meeting.</i>	

5. PRESENTATIONS

The following item(s) will be presentations given to the Commission. Action on these item(s) is typically limited to the Commission receiving the presentation and providing direction or feedback to staff, as appropriate. If you wish to speak on any item, please fill out a "Request to Speak" form and submit it to the Secretary prior to the meeting.

5.1 Presentation on Cultural Arts Updates

Presenter: Principal Librarian and Cultural Arts Manager Erwin Magbanua

6. ACTION ITEMS

The Item(s) listed in this section of the agenda will be considered individually by the Commission and are expected to elicit discussion and deliberation. If you wish to speak on any item, please fill out a "Request to Speak" form and submit it to the Secretary prior to the meeting.

6.1 Discussion of the Annual Activities Report and Authorize the Chair to Work with Staff to Finalize and Submit**Recommended Action:**

To authorize the Chair to work with staff to finalize and submit the Annual Activities report.

6.2 2025 Performing and Visual Arts Grant Review Panel Recommendations to City Council

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Recommended Action:

Commission approve the review panel recommendations.

OTHER BUSINESS**7. STAFF COMMENTS****8. CHAIR'S COMMENTS****9. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS****10. ADJOURNMENT**

to the regular meeting on June 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Civic Center Branch Library
Conference Room
365 F St, Chula Vista

Present: Commissioner Brady, Commissioner Kohse, Commissioner Muraoka, Commissioner Rufolo, Commissioner Ruiz, Commissioner Ward, Chair Bishop

Absent: Commissioner Jing, Commissioner Sablan, Vice-Chair Zavala

Also Present: Principal Librarian & Cultural Arts Manager Magbanua, Librarian III Ytuarte

Minutes are prepared and ordered to correspond to the agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Chair Bishop and Vice Chair Zavala, Commissioner Ward was nominated to be temporarily appointed as Chair Pro Tem.

Moved by Commissioner Kohse

Seconded by Commissioner Brady

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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Yes (5): Commissioner Brady, Commissioner Kohse, Commissioner Muraoka, Commissioner Rufolo, and Commissioner Ward

Result: Carried (5 to 0)

A special meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission of the City of Chula Vista was called to order at 6:15 p.m. in Conference Room, located in Civic Center Library, Chula Vista California.

2. ROLL CALL

Secretary Magbanua called the roll.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR (Items 3.1 through 3.2)

Commission approve the recommended action on the below consent calendar items.

ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

3.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes

Robert expressed concerns about the use of unspecified last names in minutes.

Commission approved the minutes dated: March 5, 2025 with recommended changes to naming conventions for future minutes.

Moved by Commissioner Ward

Seconded by Commissioner Muraoka

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes (5): Commissioner Brady, Commissioner Kohse, Commissioner Muraoka, Commissioner Rufolo, and Commissioner Ward

Result: Carried (5 to 0)

Chair Bishop arrived at 6:20 p.m.

ITEM REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR

3.2 Written Communications

Commissioner Muraoka expressed concerns about absences.

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Commission excused the absences.

Moved by Commissioner Ward

Seconded by Commissioner Muraoka

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes (6): Commissioner Brady, Commissioner Kohse, Commissioner Muraoka, Commissioner Rufolo, Commissioner Ward, and Chair Bishop

Result: Carried (6 to 0)

Commissioner Ruiz arrived at 6:30 p.m.

4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Eric Rosciam spoke about the elimination of the Southwestern College Art Gallery.

Robert spoke about the problems of the proceedings of the previous Commission meeting.

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

5.1 **Presentation on Cultural Arts Updates**

Principal Librarian and Cultural Arts Manager Magbanua presented on latest arts updates for the City, including Casa Casillas, Call for Artists, McCandliss Arts Awards, and ArtFest.

6. **ACTION ITEMS**

6.1 **2025 Performing and Visual Arts Grant Review Panel Recommendations to City Council**

Chair Bishop pulled the item to be heard at the next meeting.

6.2 **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Local Arts Agency Learning Network Cohort Capacity-Building Grant**

Commission recommended that the Local Arts Agency Learning Network Cohort Capacity-Building Grant proposal be centered around maximizing grants and fundraising for the City's cultural arts efforts.

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Moved by Commissioner Ward

Seconded by Commissioner Kohse

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes (7): Commissioner Brady, Commissioner Kohse, Commissioner Muraoka, Commissioner Rufolo, Commissioner Ruiz, Commissioner Ward, and Chair Bishop

Result: Carried (7 to 0)

OTHER BUSINESS

7. STAFF COMMENTS

Principal Librarian and Cultural Arts Manager announced the recent poetry program at the library and gave a reminder about the upcoming City budget presentations.

8. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

Chair Bishop gave reminder about the need for decorum during meetings and expressed regret about being unable to present at recent Council meeting where Art, Culture, and Creativity Month proclamation was made. She also made a referral to staff about a possible presentation about the Southwestern College Art Gallery status.

9. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

- Commissioner Brady mentioned the unused facilities in the city for potential arts programming, her ongoing mosaic project, and the need for low-cost performance spaces.
- Commissioner Ruiz announced the closing event for the Art Through the Glass project.
- Commissioner Muraoka requested assistance with the Odawara Youth Ambassador Exchange program.
- Commissioner Kohse mentioned an opportunity for South Bay popular arts creators at Seaport Village.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Erwin Magbanua, Secretary

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Erwin Magbanua

From: Felix Sablan <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Thursday, March 27, 2025 11:29 AM
To: Erwin Magbanua
Cc: Taylor Ytuarte
Subject: Re: April 9, 2025 Cultural Arts Commission Special Meeting

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I am on business travel and will not be available to attend this changed meeting date. Thanks. Felix

On Mar 27, 2025, at 10:06 AM, Erwin Magbanua <emagbanua@chulavistaca.gov> wrote:

Hello Commissioners.

Please see the attached invitation file and agenda cover sheet for the upcoming Special Meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at the Civic Center Library. To view the full agenda package, go here:

<https://pub-chulavista.escribemeetings.com/Meeting.aspx?Id=139ee645-a1fb-44c1-b5dd-95eb5e678f0f&Agenda=Agenda&lang=English>

As per always, **REPLY TO ME TO CONFIRM YOUR ATTENDANCE.**

Thank you, and we will see you on April 9!

Erwin Magbanua

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<p><u>Art for Learning</u> Chula Vista Vet Center will provide weekly arts instruction at the Chula Vista Vet Center, specifically engaging combat veterans ranging from the Korean War era to contemporary service members and will culminate in a public art showcase. This initiative aims to foster social connectedness, emotional resilience, and creative self-expression through structured, hands-on arts education.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Award: \$8,000 Teaching Artists and Art Supplies</p>
<p><u>Art through the Glass</u> A dynamic arts initiative that transforms vacant storefronts into immersive gallery spaces, bringing art directly to the community. This project not only provides a platform for local and emerging artists to showcase their work but also revitalizes underutilized commercial spaces, turning them into vibrant cultural hubs.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Award: \$8,000 Artist Fees and Art Supplies</p>
<p><u>Bayanihan: For Life, For Blood</u> An original jukebox musical dance performance at Maraya Performing Arts Studio Theatre in Eastlake that explores the coming of age, triumphs and resilience of a first-generation Filipina-American artist seeking the American dream. Includes a collaboration with San Diego Blood Bank to continue their vital work for the region's blood supply.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Award: \$8,000 Artist Fees and Production Supplies</p>
<p><u>Chula Vista Comic Arts Workshops</u> Public workshops designed to teach participants the fundamentals of comic book storytelling, illustration, and visual narrative. Led by professional comic artist and educator Charles Glaubitz, the workshop will guide participants through the process of creating a short comic or graphic novel excerpt, culminating in a printed anthology or digital publication for the Chula Vista Library.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Award: \$8,000 Artist Instructor Fee</p>
<p><u>CV Slam Fest</u> Poets Underground will develop a community-centered poetry slam competition event designed to showcase spoken word as a powerful theatrical art form and will include a year-long campaign to locate spoken word artists across social media, poetry spaces, libraries, and community centers, encouraging them to participate.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Award: \$8,000 Artist Fees and Event Production</p>

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<p><u>Dreams Beyond Tomorrow</u> A photographic exhibition project celebrating women with metastatic breast cancer in Chula Vista and featuring dreamlike portraits with surreal backgrounds, incorporating families and each woman's unique aspirations. The project aims to raise awareness about this incurable disease and inspire hope.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Award: \$8,000 Photo Shoot Production</p>
<p><u>Page on the Stage</u> OnStage Playhouse will produce its Page on the Stage program, which develops new works by local playwrights and will culminate in a free event where their new plays are read by professional actors on OSP's theatre. Includes collaborative workshops for the productions to foster inclusive storytelling and community engagement.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Award: \$8,000 Actors and Production</p>
<p><u>Painting Life Mural</u> A community-invigorating mural on Broadway by artist Nolan Lee that will not only beautify the area but also energize the surrounding neighborhood with an inspiring artwork, art workshops for children, and educational opportunities for all. The mural will be a dynamic representation of the community, communicating hope, life, and vitality through vibrant, realistic portraiture.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Award: \$8,000 Artist Fee and Supplies</p>
<p><u>Unfurled: Stories and Flags of Chula Vista</u> This project will create an accessible, intergenerational space for community expression in Chula Vista through flag-making workshops where participants will be given prompts to write poetry and paint flags based upon their lived experience in Chula Vista. The flags and mixed media backdrop will form a temporary multimedia installation at Memorial Park, serving as a backdrop for an event where the community is invited to share their poetry and personal stories about Chula Vista.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Award: \$8,000 Artist Instruction Fees and Art Supplies</p>