



## REGULAR MEETING OF THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

### Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2024, 6:00 p.m.  
Civic Center Branch Library  
Conference Room  
365 F St, Chula Vista

Present: Commissioners Brady, Kohse, Muraoka, Ruiz, Ward, Chair  
Bishop

Absent: Commissioner Sablan, Vice Chair Zavala

Also Present: Commissioner Jing, Principal Librarian and Cultural Arts  
Manager Magbanua, Librarian III Ytuarte

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#### 1. CALL TO ORDER

*A regular meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission of the City of Chula Vista was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room, located in Civic Center Library, 365 F Street, Chula Vista California.*

#### 2. ROLL CALL

*Secretary Magbanua called the roll.*

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

*Secretary Magbanua announced that 2 comments had been received.*

- Galina Marcus commented on the work of San Diego Art Directory.

- Jeff Bettger commented on the community benefits of poetry and a poet laureate in support of Agenda Item 5.2.

#### 4. PRESENTATIONS

##### 4.1 **ArtReach San Diego Mural Programs Presentation - Mural Program Manager Isabel Halpern**

Isabel Halpern presented on the past and current mural work of ArtReach San Diego.

##### 4.2 **Chula Vista ArtFest Expenditures Presentation - Cultural Arts Manager Magbanua**

Principal Librarian and Cultural Arts Manager Magbanua presented on the budget expenditures for Chula Vista ArtFest 2023 and 2024.

#### 5. ACTION ITEMS

##### 5.1 **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Approval of the minutes dated: September 4, 2024

**Moved by** Commissioner Kohse

**Seconded by** Commissioner Ward

Yes (6): Commissioners Brady, Kohse, Muraoka, Ruiz, Ward, Chair Bishop

**Result: Carried (6 to 0)**

Commissioner Muraoka left the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

##### 5.2 **Discussion and Possible Action Regarding a Potential Poet Laureate Program**

Principal Librarian and Cultural Arts Manager Erwin Magbanua gave a presentation.

Commission recommended staff explore establishing a pilot poet laureate program for 2025.

**Moved by** Commissioner Ward  
**Seconded by** Commissioner Kohse

Yes (5): Commissioners Brady, Kohse, Ruiz, Ward, Chair Bishop

**Result: Carried (5 to 0)**

## OTHER BUSINESS

### 6. **STAFF COMMENTS**

Cultural Manager Magbanua provided updates on:

- Casa Casillas construction;
- Preparations for the 2025 McCandliss Arts Awards and the 2025 Performing and Visual Arts Grant;
- Recent PVAG awarded projects;
- Art program ideas from the California Library Association annual conference.

### 7. **CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

Chair Bishop expressed appreciation for being new chair of the Commission, welcomed new members, and inquired about the timeline for the Commission presentation for City Council.

### 8. **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Commissioner Kohse announced an upcoming Indigenous Sustainable Design Forum on November 21, 2024, at UCSD Park & Market

Commissioner Ruiz announced the Art through the Glass art project at the Chula Vista Shopping Center that was produced by Envision Broadway

Christine Brady shared her experience at ArtFest; expressed the need for low-cost performance venues; suggested the area at 3rd Ave and Palomar for more arts activations; urged the City Council to better consider arts in its planning and budget; announced the Posada of the Colonia La Esperanza in Tijuana on December 22; shared feedback she got at the Harborside Park meet and greet event regarding dance flooring at recreation centers.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.*

*Minutes prepared by: Erwin Magbanua, Secretary*

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Erwin Magbanua, Secretary

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