

City of Chula Vista
Regular Cultural Arts Commission Meeting
MINUTES

June 4, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Civic Center Branch Library
Conference Room
365 F St, Chula Vista

Commissioners Present: Commissioner Brady, Commissioner Kohse, Commissioner Muraoka, Commissioner Rufolo, Vice-Chair Zavala, Chair Bishop

Absent: Commissioner Ruiz, Commissioner Sablan, Commissioner Ward

Also Present: Principal Librarian & Cultural Arts Manager Magbanua

Minutes are prepared and ordered to correspond to the agenda.

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission of the City of Chula Vista was called to order at 6:13 p.m. in Conference Room, located in Civic Center Library, 365 F Street, 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.

Moved by Commissioner Kohse

Seconded by Commissioner Rufolo

The motion was carried by the following vote:

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

Result:Carried (5 to 0)

3.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes

Approve the minutes dated: May 7, 2025

3.2 Written Communications

Commission excuse the absences.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Robert commented on promoting the City's work and the Commission meetings.

Vice Chair Zavala arrived at 6:20 p.m.

5. PRESENTATIONS

Principal Librarian and Cultural Arts Manager Erwin Magbanua presented on Casa Casillas opening and the Performing and Visual Arts Grant approvals.

5.1 Presentation on Cultural Arts Updates

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 Select Awardees for the 2025 McCandliss Arts Awards

Commission select the Rising Star, Literary Arts, and Distinguished Service awardees from the list of nominations for the 2025 McCandliss Arts Awards.

Moved by Commissioner Kohse

Seconded by Commissioner Muraoka

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes (5): Commissioner Kohse, Commissioner Muraoka, Commissioner Rufolo, Vice-Chair Zavala, and Chair Bishop

No (1): Commissioner Brady

Result:Carried (5 to 1)

6.2 Discussion and Possible Action Regarding the Planning of Chula Vista ArtFest 2025

Commission form an ad hoc subcommittee of Commissioners Kohse and Rufolo and Chair Bishop to advise and assist staff in planning the 2025 ArtFest

Moved by Commissioner Kohse
Seconded by Commissioner Brady

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes (6): Commissioner Brady, Commissioner Kohse, Commissioner Muraoka, Commissioner Rufolo, Vice-Chair Zavala, and Chair Bishop

Result:Carried (6 to 0)

Commission recommend the inclusion of a beer and wine garden at 2025 ArtFest.

Moved by Commissioner Kohse
Seconded by Commissioner Muraoka

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes (6): Commissioner Brady, Commissioner Kohse, Commissioner Muraoka, Commissioner Rufolo, Vice-Chair Zavala, and Chair Bishop

Result:Carried (6 to 0)

Commission recommend a culinary arts section at 2025 ArtFest.

Moved by Commissioner Muraoka
Seconded by Commissioner Kohse

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes (6): Commissioner Brady, Commissioner Kohse, Commissioner Muraoka, Commissioner Rufolo, Vice-Chair Zavala, and Chair Bishop

Result:Carried (6 to 0)

Moved by Commissioner Brady

Seconded by Commissioner Kohse

Commission recommend the inclusion an appropriate dance floor if dance performances are included at 2025 ArtFest.

The motion was carried by the following vote:

Yes (6): Commissioner Brady, Commissioner Kohse, Commissioner Muraoka, Commissioner Rufolo, Vice-Chair Zavala, and Chair Bishop

Result:Carried (6 to 0)

OTHER BUSINESS

7. **STAFF COMMENTS**

There were no staff comments.

8. **CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

Chair Bishop provided updates on the public art discussion at the recent Local Arts Agency Network workshop held at Chicano Park.

9. **COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

- Commissioner Brady provided updates on arts events, expressed the need for low-cost performance venues on the west side of the city, and discussed her experience with the recent State of the City event at the new Gaylord Pacific Resort.
- Commissioner Rufolo commented on the recent RFP process for the Parkview Recreation Center mural project.
- Commissioner Muraoka announced the ambassador candidate selections for the Odawara Youth Ambassador Program.

- Commissioner Kohse suggested that future PVAG and McCandliss award recipients be celebrated at a future ArtFest and suggested changes to the McCandliss award category for distinguished service.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Erwin Magbanua, Secretary

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