

**CITY OF COSTA MESA
CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE
Meeting Date: May 14, 2015**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:45 PM

Present: Lisa Grant, Monica Morita, Kathleen Eric, Frank Gutierrez, Chrystal Swope, Andrea Marr, Tracy Taber, and alternates Rocky Evans and Jason Komala

Absent: Tony Manrique & Irene Engard

Staff Present: Justin Martin

Council Member: Katrina Foley (absent)

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Monica made a motion to approve April 9, 2015 minutes as corrected and updated, seconded by Andrea; passed unanimously.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

NONE

4. OLD BUSINESS

A. Art in Public Places – Utility Box Art

Frank spoke about the three finished utility boxes and the next three to come. The group was presented with the submissions from the public call for artists and after lengthy discussion voted on two submissions as winners.

1. Sunset Artwork: Andrea made a motion to accept this artwork. Six members in favor, two opposed. Motion approved.

2. Leaves Artwork: Andrea made a motion to accept this artwork. Six members in favor, two opposed; contingent upon artist making slight manipulation. Motion approved.

B. Youth Art Gallery

Soy will display art in June and Youth Recreation will display in July.

C. ARTventure

Justin and Monica spoke about the event. Updated the venue information and SOCO's interest to participate and find the right selection for venue. The group will be completing an application brochure as well as a media plan and hopes to have at the next meeting in June.

D. Senior Center Art Display

Still searching for sculpture artist to display in staircase showcase area. All committee members were encouraged to find artists to display sculpture. Irene will update hanging system information at the June meeting.

E. Literature to Life/Teaching Discipline Through Arts

Frank spoke about Deborah's program at TeWinkle Middle School and how it was a good investment of funds. The program brought kids from different backgrounds together. Lisa spoke about doing a follow-up to this for next year. Deborah spoke about the performance and gave the complete run-down regarding participants, the relation to the school's curriculum, and the impact it had on participants and their families.

5. NEW BUSINESS

A. New Members Welcome

1. Crystal Swope – Eight year resident of Costa Mesa. Joined to get involved and loves the communities diversity. Kids go to Davis Elementary School. Passionate about theatre and arts and wants to spread the word.

2. Rocky Evans – Five year resident of Costa Mesa. Joined to participate more as a community member. Avid as a skateboarder. Wants to promote his extreme sports interest. Wants to help in any way he can and is interested in a skate park event.

3. Andrea Marr – Three year resident of Costa Mesa. Loves to be involved in the community. Wants to represent a youthful vibe that she feels is missing. Comes from a family of artists.

4. Jason Komala – Ten year resident of Costa Mesa. Loves the diversity and culture of the city. Appreciates the arts and likes the edgier side of art. Wants to help express community to more hip & edgy art.

5. Tracy Taber – Eleven year resident of Costa Mesa. Mom of three and a teacher at Sonora Elementary. Passionate about visual performing arts. Excited to help promote the committee's projects and endeavors.

B. Nominations for Committee Chair

Tabled until June meeting due to absent returning committee members.

C. Art in the Park 2016

Andrea and Tracy spoke about their interest in the event and will work as a sub-committee regarding this.

D. Youth Art Gallery

Discussion about updating the current gallery located in City Hall took place and the possibility of allocating funds toward this project. This item was tabled until the June meeting so returning members would be present.

E. Community Member Art Donation

A community member would like to donate two pieces of metal art portraying a police man and a police woman. The group talked about proper ways to display the work if accepted and decided that it should be up the PD and the Recreation staff to use at community special events. Andrea made a motion to accept the artwork for special use at special events with approval of PD and Recreation staff. Crystal seconded; passed unanimously.

F. Bark Park Storage Facility Painting

The committee discussed the idea of painting the Bark Park storage facility and how to go about doing so. The ideas of doing a call for artists came up as did a community mural idea. The group would like to move forward with this but staff will first reach out to the Bark Park Foundation regarding this as it may be slightly sensitive to some patrons. Staff will update at June meeting.

6. COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Rocky spoke about alternate member, what does it mean? Lisa spoke again about utility boxes as advertising. Tracy spoke about Sonora Elementary School rescheduled Art Night event.

7. COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS

Justin Spoke about the committee continuing to move forward and that it has been a long time since the committee was full. He encouraged the returning members to work in conjunction with new members to there could be a good sharing of new and old ideas. He also poke about the next Library meeting on June 18.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Next meeting: June 11, 2015 at 6:45 p.m. in 1A