

**CITY OF COSTA MESA  
CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE  
Minutes for Thursday, April 12, 2018**

Present: Anthony (Tony) Manrique, Charlene Ashendorf, Frank Gutierrez, Irma Ramirez, Jason Komala, Kathleen Eric, Rocky Evans, and Alternate Andrew Gallagher

Absent: Andrea Marr, Monica Mortia-Hayden, and Tracy Taber

Staff: Ashley Thomas (Present)

Council Member: Mayor Katrina Foley (Absent)

**CALL TO ORDER**

Staff called the meeting to order at 6:53pm

**APPROVAL OF** March 8, 2018 meeting minutes.

Irma made a motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Frank; the vote passed 7-0 with Andrew abstaining.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Costa Mesa resident, who is an art enthusiast, came to observe the committee and to learn about their current projects.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Subcommittee Reports

1. Arts and Culture Master Plan
  - Charlene noted that six public forums have occurred and she felt that they were overall insightful and successful. The last public forum will be held at the SOY Community Center on May 16.
  - Rick Stein informed the members that they have received over 500 surveys and that the survey will close by the end of April.
  - Staff stated that the next subcommittee meeting is on April 24 at 8:30am.
2. Galleries
  - Charlene spoke on each gallery, including the current and upcoming exhibiting artist.
  - Charlene informed the members that the next reception is approaching and she requested volunteers. Kathleen and Rocky both volunteered.
3. Directory of the Arts
  - Staff reported that the directory continues to grow and it now consists of 45 artists and 14 art organizations.

#### 4. Art in Public Places- Utility Box Art

- Frank informed the members that Sharon Hurd's artwork had been installed on a utility box off Placentia Ave., near Fairview Park.
- Frank presented three designs from Orange Coast College. The members looked at the designs and held a discussion. Tony made a motion to approve the designs and install them off Fairview; Jason seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.
- Frank presented artwork from Jason Carrougher. Frank made a motion to accept the artwork and install it at Placentia Ave. and 18th St.. Andrew seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.
- Frank presented artwork from Britty Page; after review and discussion, Rocky made a motion to decline the submission. Jason seconded it and the motion declined unanimously.

#### 5. CAC Grant Fund Program

- Jason spoke on the four submissions.
  - Gunwhale Ales requested \$500 for advertising costs for their upcoming Makers and Tasters, a local art showcase. After discussion, Irma made a motion to grant Gunwhale Ales \$500; Jason seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.
  - A Wellness Meetup Group requested \$500 for supplies to create a garden. Tony made a motion to grant the Wellness Group \$150 for paint supplies to beautify the borders of the garden parcel; Frank seconded it and the vote passed unanimously.
  - Friends of Libraries requested \$300 for their artist/author speaking events. After discussion, Rocky made a motion to grant the Friends of Libraries \$300; Irma seconded it and the motion passed 7-0 with Charlene abstaining.
  - Starlight Theatre requested \$10K for the development of their new venue location. The members discussed the submission and decided that the request did not align with the program's objective to fund projects (events, activities, programs, etc.). Rocky made the motion to decline to request; Irma seconded it and the motion was declined unanimously.

#### 6. Pop-up Events

- Jason, Irma, and Rocky proposed the idea to take pictures of Costa Mesa residents at pre-established City events (Concerts in the Park, Scarecrow Festival, Dog Events, etc.). From the pictures, they would develop a collage that creates one large art piece that would ultimately be installed on a utility box.

#### 7. ARTventure

- Irma recommended that the members consider Segerstrom Center for the Art as ARTventure's 2018 venue. After discussion, the members agreed and requested staff to set-up a tour.

### NEW BUSINESS

#### 1. Nominations: Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary

- Kathleen nominated Rocky as the Chair; seconded by Charlene; passed 8-0.
- Kathleen nominated Charlene as the Vice Chair; seconded by Frank; passed 8-0.

- Tony nominated Jason as the secretary; seconded by Frank; passed 8-0.
2. Art Promenade – Art Walk on 17<sup>th</sup> Street
    - Staff noted that the kick-off meeting is scheduled for April 26 with NMUSD staff.

### **COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS**

1. Irma encouraged members to sign up for Segerstrom Center for the Arts email list because it provides information about free community events.
2. Charlene announced that Helen Kleiser, former exhibiting artist for “The Exhibit” at the Senior Center, passed away and her family was very appreciative of the Committee for their support of her as an artist.

### **COUNCIL/STAFF COMMENTS**

- Staff closed meeting in memory of Helen Kleiser.

**ADJOURNMENT** Meeting was adjourned by Rocky at 8:39 p.m. Next Meeting: May 10, 2018 at 6:45 p.m. located in City Hall Conference Room 1A.