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MINUTES
OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
CITY OF COACHELLA
CULTURAL AND ARTS COMMISSION

November 12, 2024 Arts Commission- Minutes
5:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Cultural and Arts Commission of the City of Coachella was called to order at 5:05 p.m. by Chair Irene Rodriguez

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chair Irene Rodriguez, Commissioner Juan Ponce Ramos, Alternate Commissioner Javier Figueroa.

Absent: Commissioner Armando Lerma, Commissioner Clara Nieblas, Commissioner Oralía Ortiz

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion: To approve the agenda as presented.

Made by: Commissioner Ponce

Seconded by: Alternate Commissioner Figueroa

Approved: 3-0

AYES: Chair Rodriguez, Commissioner Ponce, and Alternate Commissioner Figueroa

NOES: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

ABSENT: Commissioner Lerma, Commissioner Nieblas, and Commissioner Ortiz

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion: To approve the minutes as presented.

Made by: Chair Rodriguez

Seconded by: Alternate Commissioner Figueroa

Approved: 3-0

AYES: Chair Rodriguez, Commissioner Ponce, and Alternate Commissioner Figueroa
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Commissioner Lerma, Commissioner Nieblas, and Commissioner Ortiz

PRESENTATION(S):

1. Presentation – Commission Direction on Where to Display Donated Dolores Huerta Painted Canvas Portrait

Made by: Chair Rodriguez
Seconded by: Alternate Commissioner Figueroa
Approved: Chair Rodriguez, Commissioner Ponce, Alternate Commissioner Figueroa

Roll Call

AYES: Chair Rodriguez, Commissioner Ponce, and Alternate Commissioner Figueroa

- Have selected option C for the Dolores Huerta portrait to be located in the main room on the south wall, adjacent to the Cesar Chavez photograph and the Vineyard Harvest oil painting by Laurence Neufeld in the Coachella Public Library. We will add plexiglass to prevent damage to the portrait. Chair Rodriguez also requested to add a label copy or QR code with information about the portrait.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Lerma, Commissioner Nieblas, and Commissioner Ortiz

2. Presentation – Discussion on Youth Art Program

Made by: Commissioner Ponce
Seconded by: Alternate Commissioner Figueroa
Approved: Chair Rodriguez, Commissioner Ponce, and Alternate Commissioner Figueroa

Roll Call

AYES: Chair Rodriguez, Commissioner Ponce, and Alternate Commissioner Figueroa

- Have chosen Utility Boxes and Holiday Windows as part of the Youth Art Program. This project can start as soon as next week since the holidays are around the corner. Chair Rodriguez suggested looking into “Arts For LA” for inspiration; she has a contact in that program and will reach out to them for suggestions.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Lerma, Commissioner Nieblas, and Commissioner Ortiz

3. Authorize Sponsorship of Culturas Music and Arts “Arte de Barrio” Events for \$9,500

Made by: Chair Rodriguez
Seconded by: Commissioner Ponce
Approved: Chair Rodriguez, Commissioner Ponce, and Alternate Commissioner Figueroa

Roll Call

AYES: Chair Rodriguez, Commissioner Ponce, and Alternate Commissioner Figueroa

- All agreed to \$9,500 for Culturas Music and Arts “Arte de Barrio” events, but there was a small error in the budget that was calculated 1,000 dollars off. Commissioners will honor the amount requested.

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Lerma, Commissioner Nieblas, and Commissioner Ortiz

PUBLIC COMMENTS (NON-AGENDA ITEMS):

None.

REPORTS AND REQUESTS:

- Commissioner Comments: None
- Staff Liaison Comments: None

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Culture and Arts Commission, Chair Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at **5:45 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Celina Jimenez

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Cultural and Arts Commission Liaison