

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE EL SEGUNDO ARTS AND CULTURE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2025

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Pickhaver called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Pickhaver	-	Present
Vice Chairperson Palmer	-	Present
Member Bart	-	Present
Member Burrell	-	Present
Member Carroll	-	Present
Member Haffley	-	Present
Member Kennedy	-	Absent (Arrived at 5:58 pm)
Member Leach	-	Present
Member Losasso	-	Present
Member Mitchell	-	Present
Member Schepps	-	Present

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – (Related to City Business Only – 5-minute limit per person, 30-minute limit total)

Leslie Evans spoke on behalf of the El Segundo Concert Band to advertise the band and its upcoming concert.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. MOTION by Member Palmer, SECONDED by Member Losasso, approving Regular Committee Meeting minutes of January 28, 2025, MOTION PASSED. 10/0

B. NEW BUSINESS

2. Black in Mayberry Funding Request, Juneteenth Festival

Lee Tonks, Black in Mayberry, shared plans for Juneteenth Festival and requested \$6,000 in grant funding from the Committee that would be used to pay for music and arts activities at the festival. The Committee decided to agendaize and vote on this request during the next meeting once an application has been submitted by Black in Mayberry. MOTION by Member Haffley, SECONDED by Member Schepps to receive and file the discussion, MOTION PASSED. 11/0

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

3. Discuss the 2025 Summer Concerts in the Park and Proposed El Segundo Music Festival

Member Michael Schepps spoke in favor of extending the concert series by adding two additional concerts. The Committee discussed that extending the Concert Series by one date would be ideal and would fit with the intended schedule. MOTION by Member Haffley, SECONDED by Member to extend the concert series by one day, MOTION PASSED. 11/0

Member Schepps spoke about potentially forming a subcommittee for a proposed music festival. The Committee had questions regarding the meeting location and times. Member Schepps provided additional information. MOTION by Chairperson Pickhaver, SECONDED by Member Bart to create a subcommittee for the proposed El Segundo Music Festival, MOTION PASSED. 11/0

4. Staffing Update, Cultural Arts Coordinator

Director of Recreation, Parks, and Library Aly Mancini stated that the recruitment for Cultural Arts Coordinator has been paused until further notice by the City Manager. The Committee asked questions and shared concerns regarding a delay in recruitment. Director Mancini provided further information.

5. Cultural Arts Master Plan Discussion

The Committee discussed the Cultural Arts Master Plan.

6. Poet Laureate Update (*Item moved up the agenda before New Business*)

Kweku John talked about the different types of poetry that the community would be able to do during workshops. He also spoke about the Nature Walk and Poetry Workshop that he would be collaborating with Barbara Bolland from the Blue Butterfly conservation.

7. Art Walk 2025 Discussion

Director Mancini spoke about the 2025 Art Walk and the feedback regarding previous Art Walks. Director Mancini discussed potential changes to the format of the event. The Committee asked to agendaize the item for the next meeting. John McCullough will be invited to attend and present a full financial report of the 2024 Art Walk event.

8. Subcommittee Assignments Review

The Committee reviewed and discussed subcommittees. The Master Plan subcommittee consisting of Chairperson Pickhaver, Member Burrell, Member Haffley, Member Kennedy, and Member Mitchell. The Proposed El Segundo Music Festival subcommittee consisting of Member Schepps, Member Losasso, and Member Leach. The Artwalk subcommittee composed of Member Schepps, Member Carroll, Member Losasso, and Vice Chairperson Palmer. The Public Art subcommittee composed of Vice Chairperson Plamer,

Member Burrell, and Member Kennedy. The Grants Review subcommittee composed of Chairperson Pickhaver, Member Bart, and Member Kennedy.

The Community Engagement subcommittee was disbanded.

9. Special Meeting of ACC for March 2025

MOTION by Chairperson Pickhaver, SECONDED by Vice Chairperson Palmer for the Special Meeting to take place on March 13, 2025, MOTION PASSED. 11/0

D. REPORTS – BUDGET & INITIATIVE COMMITTEE

None

E. REPORTS - SUBCOMMITTEES

None

F. REPORTS – RECREATIONS, PARKS, AND LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Director Mancini stated that the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee would like to have a joint meeting with ACC. Director Mancini also shared the resignation of Senior Administrative Specialist, Chelsea Shafer.

G. REPORTS – COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Member Carroll suggested having El Segundo High School bands and/or local high school bands do events such as Battle of the Bands to get the youth more involved with the city.

H. REPORTS – COUNCIL MEMBER LIAISON

None

Adjourned at 7:36 PM



Vivian Gonzalez
Vivian Gonzalez, Temporary Administrative Specialist