



**City of El Segundo
Arts and Culture Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes
for January 24, 2023 5:30 p.m.

Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge that we are holding this meeting on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Tongva. We recognize the Tongva people as the traditional land caretakers of Tovaangar (Los Angeles basin, So. Channel Islands). We also acknowledge that Los Angeles County is home to the largest Indigenous populations in the U.S.

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Natalie Strong.

B. ROLL CALL

1. Members present: Joanna Bowe, Jane Burrell, Maureen Kingsley, Brian Mitchell, Joan Palmer, Chairperson Natalie Strong, Vice Chairperson Neal Von Flue

City Council Liaisons:

Councilmember Lance Giroux – not present

2. City Staff Liaisons present: Chief Financial Officer Joseph Lillio, Senior Librarian Julie Todd, Cultural Arts Coordinator Sam Lee, Senior Administrative Specialist Brandee Thornton

C. PRESENTATIONS – NONE

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

1. A resident attended the ACC meeting to discuss new residential developments in El Segundo. He was curious if there was anything that could be done to preserve the original housing in the City. Chairperson Natalie Strong informed that the resident could take this concern to Council during Public Communications.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES for December 12, 2022

1. Approval of minutes of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Special Meeting of December 12, 2022.

A verbal vote was taken by Julie Todd.

MOTIONED by Joan Palmer and SECONDED by Chairperson Natalie Strong to approve the minutes. Motion CARRIED 7-0.

F. SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. Discussion of Council action on January 17, 2023 regarding inclusion of Cultural Development Fund in the Council's Finance Subcommittee.
(Neal Von Flue/30 minutes)

Neal shared that he met with Councilmember Giroux to discuss the impact of the Council's actions on January 17, 2023 and how it affects the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee. Councilmember Giroux is planning to attend the February 24th meeting of the ACC to discuss the inclusion of the Cultural Development Fund management as part of the Council's Finance Subcommittee.

The City's Chief Financial Officer Joe Lillio discussed Council's decision and shared procedural updates on how the ACC can request Cultural Development funding and their budget for the new fiscal year. The Council's Finance Subcommittee has allocated \$300k in approved Cultural Development Fund for the FY 23-24. The ACC will still be expected present to Council how they budget the approved funds with various initiatives. If additional funding is needed during the fiscal year, the ACC would need to seek approval from the Finance Subcommittee. They also made note that 75% of Cultural Arts Coordinator Sam Lee's salary will be part of the approved \$300k.

Brian Mitchell inquired about what happens to the remaining balance in the fund. Joe Lillio informed that Council would like to see funds incorporated into public art as part of the infrastructure improvement projects; an opportunity for the ACC to work with Council in identifying ways to enhance these projects with public art. Neal Von Flue inquired about how funds will be earmarked for infrastructure projects. Joe Lillio shared that dialogue should take place between the ACC and the Finance Subcommittee.

Sam Lee asked about the \$230k that was contributed to the fund to be held for a developer and returned when the developer's public art installation is completed. Joe Lillio expressed that the financial numbers provided to the ACC at this meeting are projections and that the developer's \$230k is not included in the projections. Neal Von Flue requested that the ACC be included in the distribution list for the Council's Finance Subcommittee monthly meetings.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Discussion of updates and edits to Bylaws.
(Julie Todd/10 minutes)

Julie Todd informed the committee that "they/them" language was added to the edited Bylaws as well as the inclusion of "cultural programming" to Article II – Purpose.

A verbal vote was taken by Julie Todd.

MOTIONED by Vice Chairperson Neal Von Flue and SECONDED by Chairperson Natalie Strong to approve the edited Bylaws as presented. Motion CARRIED 7-0.

2. Updates on PCT Parking Garage Mural.
(Sam Lee/15 minutes)

Sam shared that the mural has been completed. The artist did prep the wall and plan for any fading and or vandalism that could take place.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of new Chair and Vice Chair.
(Julie Todd/10 minutes)

Eva Sweeney expressed interest in the position of ACC Chairperson and Maureen Kingsley expressed interest in the position of ACC Vice Chairperson. Julie Todd held a written vote, having ACC members fill out a ballot with their choices for Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. Eva Sweeney was elected as ACC Chairperson. Maureen Kingsley was elected as ACC Vice Chairperson. The votes were unanimous, with 7-0 for each candidate.

I. GOVERNANCE

1. Final Report on *Joy Around the World* and Current Cultural Development Fund.
(Sam Lee/15 minutes)

Before providing *Joy Around the World* updates, Sam Lee shared an image of the newly installed public artwork at the Beyond Meat Campus at 888 North Douglas Street. Brian Mitchell asked about the \$230k that the developer contributed to the fund with the expectation of being returned upon the completion of their project. Sam Lee let ACC know that he was working with the Finance Department on returning the developer's funds. Sam reviewed the final budget and expenses for *Joy Around the World*. Over 2.5k people were estimated in attendance at the event and it was considered a success. *Joy Around the World* and the *Tree Lighting* will be two separate events in 2023 at the direction of Council.

J. ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Joanna Bowe – She enjoyed Jane's profile.

Vice Chairperson Maureen Kingsley – Eva Sweeney and Maureen Kingsley met with City's Communications Manager Diane Chaaban about ways the ACC can benefit from the City's many communications channels.

Brian Mitchell – inquired about the City attorney being paid out of the Cultural Development Fund. Julie Todd informed the ACC that she and Cultural Arts Coordinator Sam Lee engage the City attorney's office for a variety of contracts, public art/developer paperwork and CDF/ACC related needs and the City has set aside part of the committee's budgeted operating fund for legal services.

Joan Palmer – none

Natalie Strong – thanked everyone for letting her lead as Chairperson and that she looks forward to what Eva Sweeney will do in the role.

Neal Von Flue – is happy Eva Sweeney is taking on the Chairperson role and

thanked Natalie Strong for her service as former Chairperson.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS – None
Councilmember Lance Giroux – not present

K. CITY LIAISON UPDATES

1. Julie Todd mentioned that interviews for vacant committee seats will take place in early February. Mishia will provide Julie with an update. Julie also mentioned that the current art on display in the Reading Lounge is based on Steven Spielberg's film 'The Fabelmans' and there will be an artist talk in partnership with ESMoA featuring artists Luke Hayes and Carlos 'Kopyeson' Talavera on Wednesday, February 1st in the Library's Reading Lounge. El Segundo Poet Laureate Hope Anita Smith is scheduled to lead a high school teen workshop in April as part of a writer's series. Other upcoming plans to engage the community are upcoming.
2. Sam Lee shared that Miles Lewis is the first Artist in Community and he will lead a drawing workshop for teens on Wednesday, February 8th and also for adults on Wednesday, February 15th, both workshops from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the Sue Carter Community Room. Sam encouraged the ACC to help promote these workshops. Sam also mentioned that he will be attending City Council meeting on Tuesday, February 7th to encourage Council approval of preselected City-owned walls for future mural opportunities.

L. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

A verbal vote was taken by Julie Todd.

MOTIONED by Vice Chairperson Maureen Kingsley and SECONDED by Joan Burrell to adjourn the meeting. Motion CARRIED 7-0.

NEXT MEETING: on Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.