

MINUTES
Cultural Arts Commission
July 02, 2025

A. ROLL CALL

At 4:35pm, the regular meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission convened in the City Council Chambers. Chair Teodoro Lopez, Vice Chair Paloma Concordia, Commissioner Velia Soto, Commissioner Sandra Diaz and Commissioner Jose Cano were present. Commissioner Elissa Torres was absent. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States. Staff members present were Julie Estrada, Management Analyst, and Sandra Diaz, Administrative Assistant.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No Public Comments.

D. REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Presentation from the Downtown Oxnard Improvement Association (DOIA) on their upcoming Arts events and programs.
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive a presentation from DOIA on their upcoming events and programs as part of their annual goals to receive a presentation from a local artist or arts group- DOIA was absent, did not attend.

E. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Public Art Permit for the Durley Park Improvement Project
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission approve the Public Art Permit for the Durley Park Improvement Project.
DISCUSSION: Assistant Public Works Director discussed the open call process for public art mural on water tanks at Durley Park.
ACTION: Item was moved by Commissioner P. Concordia, seconded by Commissioner S. Diaz to approve the item E. 1. Presented.
VOTE: Soto, Cano, Diaz, Lopez and Concordia voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0.
2. SUBJECT: Review of Proposed Citizen Advisory Group (CAG) Bylaws Updates
RECOMMENDATION: That the Cultural Arts Commission review the proposed updates to the CAG Bylaws and recommend approval.
DISCUSSION: Commissioners discussed the proposed Bylaws.
ACTION: Item was moved by Commissioner S. Diaz, seconded by Commissioner P. Concordia approve the item E. 2. Presented.
VOTE: Soto, Cano, Diaz, Lopez and Concordia voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0.

3. SUBJECT: Creation of Annual Report Ad Hoc Committee and Assignment of Members
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission establish an Annual Report Ad-Hoc Committee and assign the Commission Chair and one additional Commissioner to develop the annual report for presentation to City Council on October 7. Sunset date: October 1, 2025.
DISCUSSION: Commissioners discussed the creation of Annual Report, preparing powerpoint and highlighting subject matter.
ACTION: Ad Hoc created with Chair Lopez, and Vice Chair Concordia.
Sunset date: October 1, 2025.

F. AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. SUBJECT: Public Art Research Ad-Hoc Committee
RECOMMENDATION: That the Public Art Research Ad-Hoc Committee give a report to the Commission on their efforts. Sunset date: December 2025. Members: P. Concordia and E. Torres.
DISCUSSION: Commissioners P. Concordia advised they have not been able to meet. Nothing to report at this moment.

SUBJECT: Artist & Mural Registry Ad-Hoc Committee

RECOMMENDATION: That the Artist & Mural Registry Ad-Hoc Committee give a report to Commission on their efforts. Sunset date: December 2025. Members: S. Diaz and T. Lopez.

DISCUSSION: Commissioner S. Diaz reported

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

Sterling Venue Ventures partnering with Oxnard PAL and Cultural & Community Services for Free Summer Festival Concerts in the Park at Plaza Park, 7/12, 8/9 and 8/23 with Artists Market. Mini mural event in August 2025.

Musica Classes 50 kids registered starts next week at the Colonia Recreation Center. Art Classes expanding to 7 after school programs.

Mini Mural installation 8/16, 8/17 at the first floor of the downtown parking structure.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

1. Commissioner S. Diaz-Reminder 4th of July fireworks are illegal.
2. Commissioner J. Cano-Headliners for concerts at the park idea for original local artists.
3. Chair T. Lopez-Have local original artists, invite Sterling Venue Ventures to provide input.
4. Commissioner V. Soto-New Commissioner self introduction, wants inclusive opportunities for all individuals.
5. Commissioner P. Concordia-805 immigrant coalition group, organizing protecting families and the Community.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

1. Commissioner E. Torres-Report on artist grants provided by the City in 2025.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 pm.

Julie Estrada, Commission Liaison



Teodoro Lopez, Chair

