

MINUTES
Cultural Arts Commission
January 7, 2026

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, Commissioner Jose Cano Commissioner Elissa Torres were present. 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

Carolyn Mullin(Downtown appointment Cultural Art District), Gary Blum(Cultural Art District), Angela Whitecomb(Opportunities at Carnegie)

D. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Sunset of the Public Art Research Ad-Hoc Committee
RECOMMENDATION: That the Commission receive a final update and vote to sunset the Public Art Research Ad-Hoc Committee.approve the Public Art Permit for the Durley Park Improvement Project.
DISCUSSION: Develop a proposal for art with price points and requirements. New ad hoc volunteers Commissioners J.Cano, E. Torres and P. Concordia.
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, Torres and Concordia voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Angela Whitecomb (Lighting Downtown Safety)

2. SUBJECT: Review Commission Goals
RECOMMENDATION: That the commission review the 2025-2026 goals and discuss and set any updates or additions to goals for 2026 review the proposed updates to the CAG Bylaws and recommend approval.
DISCUSSION: Commissioners discussed seven goals for 2026.
ACTION: Item was moved by Chair TeoLopez, seconded by Commissioner S. Diaz to approve goals presented.
VOTE: Soto, Cano, Diaz, Lopez, Concordia and voted in favor; the motion carried 6-0.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Angela Whitecomb (Inclusive art in park playground)

E. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

Working on 2026 Calendar. New binders provided to Commissioners, new projects for Commissioners.

G. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

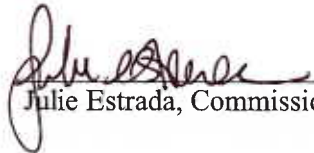
1. Commissioner S. Diaz-January 17 Women's March at Plaza Park.
2. Chair T. Lopez-Appreciates new binder information.
3. Commissioner V. Soto-Appreciates new calendar of events.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION

1. Discuss Cultural Arts District Designation.
2. Carnegie information.
3. Conversations with other art based groups.
4. Provide a financial report at meetings.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.


Julie Estrada, Commission Liaison


Teodoro Lopez, Chair