

CITY OF OXNARD
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
City of Oxnard Council Chambers
Wednesday, April 4, 2018
4:30pm

A. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Corado, Cortese, DeVries, Gallardo, Hirata

Absent: Commissioners Botello, Behrens, Gomez

(Staff Present: Ingrid Hardy, Chelsea Reynolds)

B. PLEDGE of ALLEGIANCE

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

D. REPORT OF COMMISSION SECRETARY

Form 700 due; PACC the Arts Festival on May 25-26-27; 50th Anniversary of the PACC coming this Fall

Recap of Conflicts of Interest major items from March 28, 2018 presentation by Jason Zaragosa, Deputy City Attorney:

- The public's interest is your sole interest. You should not benefit financially from your service on the commission.
- When making a decision or voting on an item, commissioners should ask themselves, what's in it for me or for my organization? The answer should always be NOTHING. If anything other than nothing, you should not participate in the decision.
- Government Code Section 1090 states that public officials may not make or participate in making a contract in their official capacity if there is personal financial gain. Participation includes all phases leading up the contract's approval, including preliminary discussions, negotiations, compromises, and planning. Virtually any involvement qualifies as participation!
- While commissioners who serve on nonprofit boards receiving cultural arts grants are not financially interested and therefore do not violate Section 1090, the City of Oxnard Conflict of Interest Policy addresses the appearance of conflict. As such, commissioners should avoid participating in decisions that give even the appearance of a conflict of interest. Specifically, in the example of the cultural arts grants, when a commissioner's organization receives a grant, it may appear, to the public, that there is a conflict, even though they did not personally benefit from the award of the grant.
- Always ask yourself, "How will the public perceive my involvement in this decision?"
- Any commissioner who receives an individual grant or an organization in which they are employed receives a grant, may not participate in the grants process. They must recuse themselves.
- Penalties for violation of state law include: Contract is void, disgorgement of all monies received, \$1,000 fine, felony: up to 3 years prison, permanently barred from holding public office

E. OLD BUSINESS

1. Cultural Arts Grant Request for Proposal (RFP) -Staff Report –total amount to be awarded per Commission recommendation of \$170,000 for 2018-2019 has been approved by Council; RFP due on May 3, 2018
2. Downtown Arts Hub 5-Year Plan
Presentation provided by staff – Ingrid Hardy –Plan has five key areas of focus: Programming and Events, Built Environment, Arts Educations, Marketing and Communications, Staffing and Resources. The strategy most recommended by community and focus groups for enhancing the Downtown Oxnard built environment was the installation of murals.
Motion to approve the Downtown Oxnard Arts Hub 5-Year Plan-Commissioner Hirata, 2nd. Commissioner Gallardo, passes unanimously.
Discussion: \$45,000 from Public Art Fund (one-time request) + \$45,000 from Settlement Fund; for the installation of iconic anchor murals in Downtown. Future requests from Public Art Fund would be brought to the Commission. Mural artists identified as local or beyond Ventura County, Motion by Commissioner DeVries, 2nd by Commissioner Corado, Vote 3-2 Funds 80% Ventura County artists and 20% LA and Santa Barbara Counties' artists

F. COMMISSION COMMENTS – Commissioner Gallardo - funded artist Julio Alcala presenting his film in Minnesota at Chicano Studies Conference; Commissioner DeVries – local authors event at the Library; Commissioner Corado- Concilio event leadership award recipient; Commissioner Cortese- Ethics Training for Public Officials required; George Sandoval also an El Concilio awardee

G. ADJOURNMENT

Next Regular Meeting on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 4:30pm, Council Chambers