

CITY OF OXNARD
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
MINUTES

Cultural & Community Services Office (Virtual Meetings)
305 West Third Street, Oxnard, CA 93030
Wednesday, February 3, 2021 4:30 pm

A. ROLL CALL/POSTING OF THE AGENDA

At 4:34 p.m., the meeting of the Cultural Arts Commission convened via Zoom. Chair Cortese, Vice Chair Durias, Commissioner Diaz, and Commissioner Gomez were present. Commissioner Gallardo and Commissioner Stewart absent, one vacancy. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States. Staff members present were Julie Estrada, Recreation Coordinator, and Adriana Britt, Recreation Leader III

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Gomez led the Pledge of Allegiance

C. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. SUBJECT: The minutes of the Cultural Arts Commission January 6, 2021 meeting submitted for approval.
2. ACTION: Minutes for January 6, 2021 were approved (Durias/Gomez) unanimous

E. REPORT OF THE COMMISSION SECRETARY

The commission secretary gave an update on the Poet Laureate program.

F. COMMISSION BUSINESS

1. SUBJECT: Cultural Arts Commission Strategic Planning - Renee Rakestraw, Community Services Manager
ACTION: That the commission participated in the first Strategic Planning session.

G. COMMISSION COMMENTS

1. Commissioner Gomez - How can we assist with an artist relief Covid fund? Do we have a 501c3? Can we apply for grants?
2. Commissioner Diaz - wanted clarification on when her term ended
3. Vice Chair Durias - Happy Black History Month - Found a poetry outlet called Ventura County Poetry Project, they have a virtual event every Thursday, they will highlight black poets of Ventura County for the month of February, February 18 at 7:00 pm will be next event - Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. will have the annual speech competition, 5-6 graders in OSD write speeches and enter a competition held Saturday Feb 27 around 2:00 pm, winner participates in MLK Ceremony the following year.
4. Chair - Can we locate a list of Oxnard artists that was started at the start of the Commission - How can a list of local events be shared with the community of a bigger platform? The Oxnard Star used to have a

- column on the subject - Would like confirmation on commission membership and term end dates -
5. Commissioner Gomez - Spoke to Councilmember MacDonald who told him he hopes Gomez can stay on the commission.

H. ITEMS OF FUTURE CONSIDERATION

1. Can we consider a short term grant cycle for the next term?
2. Reestablish a list of active artists in Oxnard
3. Discuss creating an e-blast system for coming up art events?
4. Planning for membership and commission input on where everyone stands.

I. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business the Commission adjourned at 5:30 p.m. (Gomez/Stewart) unanimous

The next scheduled regular meeting is for Wednesday, March 3, 2021, at 4:30 p.m. via Zoom

Margaret Cortese, Chair

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