

CITY OF ONTARIO
PUBLIC ART PROGRAM ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
CITY HALL, COMMUNITY CONFERENCE ROOM
303 East B Street
April 4, 2024
(Subject to Commission approval)

CALL TO ORDER

This meeting was called to order by Chair, Mia Melle at 1:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Mia Melle, Public Art Program Advisory Chair.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Chair	Mia Melle
Vice Chair	Wendy Slatkin
Commissioner	Meranda Roberts
Council Liaison	Debra Porada
Executive Director	Helen McAlary
Director, Museum, Arts & Culture	Marissa Kuceck
Administrative Assistant	Veronica Padilla

ABSENT

INTRODUCTIONS None

PUBLIC COMMENTS None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October 5, 2023, minutes were approved by a 3-0 vote with a motion from Commissioner Meranda Roberts and seconded by Vice Chair Wendy Slatkin.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Country OMNI Trans Project

Director, Museum, Arts & Culture, Marissa Kuceck provided information about a new bench painted on Euclid Ave. and G St. The painted bench was part of a county project and was not a City of Ontario project. Joe Ded provided the artwork for the bench through the County of San Bernardino and Inland California Creative Core Grant.

2. Update on the Utility Box Project

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Director Kuchek updated the Public Art Commission about the finished Utility Box Projects. Director Kuchek would like to request a motion to approve the eight presented boxes as complete and add them to the City of Ontario's Public Art Collection.

Motion: Moved by Vice Chair Slatkin and seconded by Commissioner Roberts. The eight boxes are now marked as completed and they will be added to the City of Ontario's Public Art Collection.

3. Update on the Ovitt Family Community Library Project

Director Kuchek explained that the City of Ontario issued a Request for Proposals for artwork opportunities for the Beverly Clearly Reading Room and the Library Parking Structure. It was motioned during the October 5, 2023, meeting to have two artists, one for each location. A'Kailah Byrd Greene was selected during the October 5th meeting as one of the muralists. A'Kailah has finished the city's contract process, and more information is to come when it becomes available. The Beverly Clearly Reading Room has been put on hold while a new commissioner is appointed.

Action: Director Kuchek asked Chair, Melle to appoint a commissioner to serve on the Panel for the Beverly Clearly Reading Room Artist. Chair Melle appointed Commissioner Roberts, and she accepted.

4. National Fitness Count at Homer Briggs

Director Kuchek provided an update on the Homer Briggs Mural. The artwork was brought to the community where the community provided feedback to suggest that it was not a good fit for the park. The artist was provided with the opportunity to make revisions on the recommendations. Due to the dynamics of situation, a standard design will be put in its place.

Staff Report

Director Kuchek advised the committee that there are now two vacancies for the Public Art Program Advisory Commission. There is a vacancy with the Museum Associates and the Ontario Heritage group.

Council Liaison Debra Porada

Council Liaison Debra Porada commented that the non-profits are supportive of each other. Council Liaison Porada suggested dining in the Downtown area to support local businesses.

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FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Approval of the final design for the Ovitt exterior mural

and

Finalist for the Beverly Clearly Mural.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, June 6, 2023 at 1:30 pm

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Vice Chair Slatkin with a second by Commissioner Roberts with a 3-0 vote. Chair Melle adjourned the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

Submitted:

Veronica Padilla

Veronica Padilla, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED:

Mia Melle

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Mia Melle, Chair