

CITY OF REDLANDS

CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA

DANIEL GOHMAN, CHAIR
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DANIELLE GIUDICI WALLIS, COMMISSIONER
CRYSTAL LOPEZ, COMMISSIONER

JINA IMANI, VICE-CHAIR
DANIEL RODRIGUEZ, COMMISSIONER
MARGO MULLEN, COMMISSIONER

City Council Chambers, 35 Cajon Street, Suite #2 at the date and time noted below:

**REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024
4:00 P.M.**

1. CALL TO ORDER - ATTENDANCE

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. (At this time, the Cultural Arts Commission will provide an opportunity for the public to address them on any subject, within the jurisdiction of the Commission, which is not already scheduled on this agenda. The Commission may not discuss or take any action on any public comment made, except that the Commission members or staff may briefly respond to statements made or questions posed by members of the public. However, any matter that requires action will be referred to staff for a report and possible action at a subsequent meeting. Comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.)

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- A. November 13, 2023, regular meeting minutes (Attachment A)
- B. December 6, 2023, special joint meeting minutes (Attachment B)
- C. January 8, 2024, regular meeting minutes (Attachment C)

4. STATUS REPORTS

- A. City Council Liaison report – Council Member Guzman-Lowery/Davis
- B. RUSD Liaison report – Jim O’Neill
- C. Staff Liaison report – Tricia Swope

5. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding the *Reflections* artwork with respect to recommending location, and costs to do so. (Attachment D)
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding a new Call to Artists.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Discussion and possible action regarding review and revisions to Commissioners’ tasks list (Attachment E)
- B. Discussion and possible action regarding review and updates to Commissioners’ subcommittee list (Attachment F)
- C. Individual Commissioner reports

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7. ADJOURNMENT TO THE REGULAR MEETING ON MAY 13, 2024, at 4:00 p.m.

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. November 13, 2023, regular meeting minutes
- B. December 6, 2023, special joint meeting minutes
- C. January 8, 2024, regular meeting minutes
- D. *Reflections* report
- E. Commissioners' tasks list
- F. Subcommittee list

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ATTACHMENT A

**CITY OF REDLANDS
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting of November 13, 2023**

MINUTES

Present: Margo Mullen
Daniel Rodriguez
Dennis Christensen
Jina Imani, Vice-chair
Danielle Giudici Wallis
Daniel Gohman, Chair

Absent: Commissioner Lopez

- 1. CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE:** Vice-chair Imani called the meeting to order at 4:03p.m. Commissioner Lopez was absent and Chair Gohman was absent.
- 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
No public comment was received.
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
The minutes of the July 10, 2023 and September 11, 2023 regular meetings were approved on a motion by Vice-chair Imani, seconded by Commissioner Christensen and approved 3-1, with Commissioner Guidici-Wallis abstaining.
- 4. STATUS REPORTS**
 - A. City Council Liaison Report** – The Council liaison was absent.
 - B. RUSD Liaison report** – The RUSD liaison was absent.
 - C. Staff Liaison report** – Tricia Swope gave an update on the Parks Master Plan bid.
- 5. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Discussion and possible action related to the 2024 annual report to the City Council**
No action was taken on this item.
- 6. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Discussion and possible action regarding review and revisions to Commissioners’ tasks list**
Commissioner Guidici-Wallis gave an update on the art garden in Ford Park and suggested moving it to Sylvan Park by the old Parks superintendent’s house. Commissioner Mullen noted the book drops at Smiley Library were looking a bit run down.
 - B. Discussion and possible action regarding review and updates to Commissioners’ subcommittee list**

Commissioner Christensen spoke about the art on loan pieces and questioned the time frame of the process. Ms. Swope replied that the City was having difficulty finding an installer who would use the City's recommended securing hardware.

C. Individual Commissioner reports

Commissioner Rodriguez asked about Brown Act training for the Commission. Staff replied they would check with the City Attorney about a possible date.

- 7. Adjournment to next regular meeting: January 8, 2024, 4:00 PM, Council Chambers.**
The meeting was adjourned at 4:38 pm.

ATTACHMENT B

**CITY OF REDLANDS
JOINT SUBCOMITTEE OF
THE PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION
AND
THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

Members Present:

Jina Imani, CAC
Dan Rodriguez, CAC

Adam Hebden, PRC
Douglas Gonzales, PRC
Scott Carlson, PRC

City Staff Present:

Don Crow
Dave Jaffe

Call to Order - Wednesday, December 6, 2023

6:12 P.M.

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

2. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Don Crow read City staff report and recommendations. Attached
- B. Josiah Bruny provided comments regarding Music Changing Lives organization and history of murals at the community center.
- C. Motion by Doug Gonzales:
 - 1. Recommend the Mural in the small art classroom can remain with modifications to be developed and installed by Music Changing Lives within 6 months and approved by CAC and PRC to reduce the graphic nature of portions of the mural and ensure the artwork is appropriate for all potential users of the space.
 - 2. Second by Carlson
 - 3. Passed 4-1 (Dissent by Hebden)
- D. Motion by Doug Gonzales
 - 1. Recommend the mural in the recreation hallway can remain as currently installed. Any new art installations within the community center will be reviewed and approved by CAC and PRC prior to installation and be crafted on canvas or other medium that is not permanently affixed to the facility.
 - 2. Second by Hebden
 - 3. Passed unanimously.

3. ADJOURNMENT 7:28pm

Attachment - City Staff Report:

The Redlands Community Center recently underwent some renovations and improvements, including painting, new flooring, new lighting, and some changes to access. Additionally, a second phase renovation project is planned for this spring to update the game room, computer lab, and multipurpose room. The paint project included repainting the art room and hallway which currently has murals painted on the wall.

These murals were painted approximately x year ago and were commissioned by one of the center's independent contractors, Music Changing Lives. They were approved at a staff level, but there was no consideration at the time on how to address ongoing maintenance of the murals, how long they should remain, and what to do with the murals when it came time to repaint the walls. Some patrons have also expressed concerns over content of the mural in the art classroom. This mural is a depiction of youth overcoming significant challenges but includes graphic images including drug use, domestic violence, weapons, etc.

Staff notified MCL of the repainting and it was ultimately decided that the contractor would paint around the murals until a determination could be made as to how to manage the murals into the future. The center currently has no policy with respect to these or other murals/ wall art. This joint sub-committee was formed to review and discuss the murals currently installed in the community center and make a recommendation to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission regarding how to manage these particular murals and any other future artwork within recreation facilities.

Staff is requesting that the subcommittee made recommendations to the Commission on the following:

- 1) Should one or both of the existing murals be permitted to remain? If the decision is to remain, how long should they be permitted to remain?
 - a. Staff Recommendation: Art is a very subjective subject matter and often generates strong emotions and opinions. Staff believes that art is can be great asset for the center and helps cultivate young minds. That being said, the mature nature of the graphics in the art room have generated concerns and limit staff's ability to program the space. Therefore, staff suggests this graphic is not appropriate for the space. The mural in the hallway is not offensive in nature, but does include MCL's branding. Other contractor's have not been afforded the ability to include branding in other areas of the center. That being said, staff does not have a preference on the hallway mural and if the Commission is inclined to allow it to remain, staff suggests the photo be printed on canvas, the wall repainted, and the canvas hung in its place. The canvas would allow staff to move forward with repainting and continuing to maintain the wall as needed.
- 2) What is the policy for future artwork in the community center?
 - a. Staff recommendation: As previously stated, art is very subjective and must be considered on a case-by-case basis. Staff recommends that future art be approved by the Commission in consultation with the Cultural Arts Commission with a timeline prescribed to how long an art piece should be displayed. In addition, staff recommends that wall art must be on a material that can be affixed to the wall rather than painted directly on the wall to allow for ongoing maintenance.

ATTACHMENT C

**CITY OF REDLANDS
CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION
Regular Meeting of January 8, 2024**

MINUTES

Present:	Chair Gohman	Absent:	Vice Chair Imani
	Commissioner Mullen		Commissioner Guidici Wallis
	Commissioner Christensen		Commissioner Rodriguez
	Commissioner Lopez		

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ATTENDANCE:** Chair Gohman called the meeting to order at 4:14 p.m. Attendance was taken.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**
Frank Samaro, a local artist, introduced himself. He paints murals for schools in the surrounding area.
4. **STATUS REPORTS**
 - A. **City Council Liaison Report** – The Council liaison was absent from this meeting.
 - B. **RUSD Liaison report** – Michele Rendler gave a report on RUSD happenings.
 - C. **Staff Liaison report** – The staff liaison was absent from this meeting. Joe Bierma gave updates and answered questions.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. **Discussion and possible action related to the 2024 annual report to the City Council**
No action was taken on this item.
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. **Discussion and possible action regarding review and revisions to Commissioners’ tasks list**
No reportable action was taken on this item.
 - B. **Discussion and possible action regarding review and updates to Commissioners’ subcommittee list**
No reportable action was taken on this item.
 - C. **Individual Commissioner reports**
No reportable action was taken on this item.
7. **Adjournment to next regular meeting: March 11, 2024, 4:00 PM, Council Chambers.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 pm.

ATTACHMENT D

Cultural Arts Commission

Agenda Item 5-A – *Reflections* artwork – recommending location

Discussion and possible action related to the *Reflections* artwork currently on display at LaFarge Plaza (see photo).

Pending a donation request from the property owner, the Commission may discuss a recommendation on for placement on City property for the *Reflections* artwork

- Possible locations include:
 - Remaining unreserved art pads
 - Free space at 35 Cajon Street or 300 E. State Street

Proposed Motion:

I move that the Commission recommend to the City Council that the artwork *Reflections* be relocated to _____.



ATTACHMENT E

Name	Tasks – Funded	Tasks - Unfunded
Chair Gohman		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Promotion of CAC ▪ Omnitrans Bus Shelter ▪ Social Media
Vice-Chair Imani		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Art Inventory story map
Commissioner Christensen		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Staying in touch with Planning Department
Commissioner Giudici Wallis		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Environmental Art Garden
Commissioner Lopez		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪
Commissioner Mullen		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public Art (including Murals)
Commissioner Rodriquez		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪

Tasks/Projects Prioritized

Project Name	Approved by CAC	Funded/Unfunded	Priority
Art and Culture Master Plan	9/13/2021	Funded, Proposals Received 7/2023; pending award by City Council	1
2022 Call for Artists (art on loan)		Funded	2
Environmental Art Garden	1/8/22	Unfunded (pending Parks & Recreation Commission consideration)	3

ATTACHMENT F

Cultural Arts Commission Sub-Committees

as of 1.8.2024

Name	Purpose/Description	Date Formed	Members
Arts and Culture Master Plan Sub-Committee	Development of and Recommendation to City Council for an Art and Culture Master Plan	3/11/2019	Commissioner Mullen Commissioner Christensen Commissioner Giudici-Wallis
Finance/Fundraising Sub-Committee		11/14/2016	Commissioner Christensen Chair Gohman
Inventory Sub-Committee	Creation of a City-wide inventory of public art	3/12/2018	Commissioner Giudici-Wallis
Public Art Exhibition Program Sub-Committee	Organization of Call to Artists	9/10/2018	Commissioner Mullen Commissioner Christensen