



City of El Segundo
Arts and Culture Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes
for November 16, 2021 5:30 p.m.
Zoom

Land Acknowledgement: We acknowledge that we are holding this meeting on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Tongva. We recognize the Tongva people as the traditional land caretakers of Tovaangar (Los Angeles basin, So. Channel Islands). We also acknowledge that Los Angeles County is home to the largest Indigenous populations in the U.S.

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Neal Von Flue.

B. ROLL CALL

1. Members present: Joanna Bowe, Jane Burrell, Maureen Kingsley, Michael Kreski, Brian Mitchell, Joan Palmer, Vice Chairperson Natalie Strong (Arrived at 5:30 p.m. and left at 5:58 p.m.), Eva Sweeney, Tanya Taylor, and Chairperson Neal Von Flue.
2. City Council Liaisons:

Councilmember Lance Giroux – not present
Councilmember Scot Nicol – not present
3. City Staff Liaisons present: Senior Librarian Julie Todd and Cultural Arts Coordinator Sam Lee.

C. PRESENTATIONS - NONE

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS - NONE

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES for October 26, 2021

1. Approval of minutes of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Regular Meeting of October 26, 2021.

A verbal vote was taken by Julie Todd.

MOTIONED by Jane Burrell and SECONDED by Eva Sweeney to approve the October 26, 2021 minutes. Motion CARRIED 9-0.

F. SPECIAL BUSINESS

1. ACC member volunteer assignments for Festival of Holidays on December 3.
(Julie Todd/15 minutes)

Julie and Sam identified and made a list of the different areas where they will need help for the evening of December 3. A lot of the assistance is coming from the National Charity League girls and their moms. They are helping with the four hands-on craft stations: dreidel painting, gingerbread cookie decorating, parol lantern making, and diya lamp constructing. We would need additional help with the setup/breakdown and food booths. Two setup/breakdown volunteers would be great.

The food booth shifts are from 4 to 6pm and 6pm to 8pm. ACC members who will be volunteering include Chairperson Neal Von Flue, Vice Chairperson Natalie Strong, Maureen Kingsley, Eva Sweeney, Jane Burrell and Joan Palmer.

Sam also mentioned that attendees can purchase food tickets from the ticket booth the night of the event for the latkes, soba, and desserts/beverage booths. Brian Mitchell asked about the ticket booth. Would it be confusing to some people that some vendor booths take money and the city booths take tickets? Maureen suggested to geographically separate the City booths from the private craft/food vendors.

Julie added that some of the members of DEI and Kiwanis will be volunteering. Joanna Bowe asked if the sign-up sheet can be posted to the City's website? Joanna added that she has friends in the community who are interested in volunteering. Julie suggested that those individuals could reach out to her and Sam directly. Brian Mitchell mentioned that he would be emailing Julie to provide his volunteering times.

On the day of the event, rental deliveries will be happening in the morning, starting at 9am, in City Hall Plaza. Two volunteers to help with setup would be great. Another element that we are hoping to incorporate is the Rangoli stencil designs throughout the Plaza.

Neal asked Sam to type up the different shifts needed and email that document to all the ACC members.

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Follow-up edits to corrected minutes from September 28th ACC meeting.
(Sam Lee/15 minutes)

Sam reported that there was a discrepancy, which Eva Sweeney caught, from the September 28th ACC meeting minutes. He listened to the audio recording of that meeting, and there was a vote that occurred, which was not noted originally in the minutes. Sam told the ACC that he had revised the minutes to reflect this oversight.

There was a motion to approve the minutes pending the changes to New Business agenda section H-1, which was to include the verbal vote to create a public art guideline that would direct the public to the specific copyright laws, which was what Sam did not note in the original September 28th ACC meeting minutes. The vote that passed on September 28 was originally taken by Julie and passed 9-0.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Vote to approve resolution for the ACC to continue meeting via Zoom teleconferencing (Julie Todd/15 minutes)

Recommendation: Approval

Attached Supporting Documents:

- Resolution to Conduct Public Meetings via Teleconferencing Pursuant to Assembly Bill No. 361
- Resolution No. _____.

A verbal vote was taken by Julie Todd.

MOTIONED by Neal Von Flue and SECONDED by Joan Palmer to approve resolution for the ACC to continue meeting via Zoom teleconferencing. Motion CARRIED 9-0.

2. CCB liaison list review, updates, and assignments.
(Neal Von Flue/15 minutes)

Neal reported that the purpose of the ACC's outreach to other City's CCB groups was to have a more synergistic effect and open communication. The ACC members felt that at any one of these CCB meetings, there are items that would relate to Arts & Culture. It was beneficial to keep note of their agenda items and minutes, so that some ACC members could attend the meetings and introduce themselves, be aware, or help facilitate something that another CCB is planning on doing. The idea is to establish an ACC liaison and an ACC alternate on the City CCBs. Some ACC members have attended some of the CCB's meetings and kept apprised of their agendas and meeting items. The existing list is out-of-date and was worth revisiting for the current ACC and newly selected ACC members.

Tanya Taylor expressed an interest to being an ACC liaison with the DEI committee. Jane Burrell is interested in the Environmental Committee. Eva Sweeney would like to be the ACC liaison for the Planning Commission; she pointed out that the Economic Development Advisory Council does not exist anymore. Natalie Strong would like to continue to be the liaison for the Library Board of Trustees. Joanna Bowe is interested in the Recreation and Parks Commission.

I. GOVERNANCE

Julie reported that she and Sam attended the TEDxManhattanBeach on November 6, 2021 as part of their research to produce a TEDxEISegundo in 2022. They learned a lot from being at this event. Every year the organizers sponsor a high school student to be a TEDx speaker; Julie mentioned that this is a fun way to involve the high school students for our event. The high school student speaker at the TEDxManhattanBeach was very well spoken and impressive. Julie added that Eva suggested that for our inaugural event, we should focus on the speakers only and not include the component of the vendors. Using the El Segundo High School auditorium as the location would be ideal. We will pick up the planning process after the Festival of Holidays event.

Sam brought up the public art policy that he was going to work on. However, there was a request that came in two weeks prior that took up a great deal of time. He will start to create the policy after the Festival of Holidays.

J. ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Joanna Bowe – Joanna had nothing to report. She expressed her excitement about the Festival of Holidays event. She is looking forward to it.

Jane Burrell – Jane agreed with Joanna that the Festival is going to be fantastic. Really great work.

Maureen Kingsley – Maureen mentioned that the final selection for the Poet Laureate position is under way. This initiative is progressing. There were 7 applicants. We will have our first Poet Laureate very soon.

Michael Kreski – nothing to report. Michael wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Brian Mitchell – Brian had nothing more to add.

Joan Palmer – Joan had nothing to add.

Eva Sweeney – Eva reported that she had reached out to a couple of potential speakers for the TEDxEISegundo. Eva mentioned that since Julie and Sam are extremely busy with the Festival of Holidays, maybe Eva and Jane Burrell could get together and figure out the next planning steps for this initiative. Eva will reach out to Jane via e-mail. Eva also invited everyone to a book talk at ESMoA on Thursday, November 18 at 6pm. The book is called *A Damsel in Distress* by Dominique Mielle. Dominique had worked as a hedge fund manager as well as in the aerospace industry. In the book, she discusses her experience working in these predominately male industries. The book focuses on the notion of creativity and how imagination can transfer career paths for women. The subject matter is very timely. Eva encouraged everyone to attend and to bring their daughter.

Tanya Taylor – Tanya had nothing to add.

Neal Von Flue – Neal thanked Eva for creating such a cool program and exhibitions at ESMoA. He congratulated Eva on the opening of the show, *Blue*, which was well attended. Neal expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the ACC members and city staff.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS – NONE

Councilmember Lance Giroux – not present
Councilmember Scot Nicol – not present

K. CITY LIAISON UPDATES

1. Julie Todd shared that the ACC's last election was January 2019. The Chair and Vice-Chair positions will be voted on in January 2022. Neal is more than happy and encouraged anyone that would like to be the Chair to throw their hat into the ring. Neal added that it is incredibly gratifying and not a great amount of work. Julie mentioned that individual members can email her directly to express their interest in becoming Chair.

L. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 6:37 PM.

NEXT SPECIAL MEETING: on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 5:30 pm, held virtually on Zoom.

Posted by: Sam Lee
Date & Time: