

Minutes for the Cultural Arts Commission

1 Civic Center Circle, Brea, California 92821

January 8, 2025

Roll Call: *(The following members were in attendance)*

- **Benjamin Schultz**, Cultural Arts Vice Chair
- **Erika Bernal**, Cultural Arts Commissioner
- **Robyn Price**, Cultural Arts Commissioner
- **Linda Shay** Cultural Arts Commissioner

Absent: Beverly Falco, Cultural Arts Chair

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Schultz called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Schultz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Invocation

Vice Chair Schultz asked for a moment of silence for those affected by the Los Angeles fires.

4. Informational

No updates.

5. Matters from the Audience

None.

6. Action

6A. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Shay pointed out an error in the attendees on the minutes and Commissioner Bernal mentioned the need for clarification on the minutes, mentioning there were two appointments expiring as opposed to one.

Motion to approve as amended above made by Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Shay.

Motion carried 3-1-1

Ayes: Bernal, Price, Shay

Nays: None

Abstain: Schultz

Absent: Falco

6B. Adoption of Cultural Arts Commission Goals for 2025

Commissioner Shay raised concerns about the city's relationship with the Brea Museum and the need to promote all cultural arts venues. Community Services Manager Jenn Colacion sought clarification on specific goals or changes, or language to promote all cultural arts areas. Vice Chair Schultz suggested this be brought back for discussion at the next meeting and to move forward with approval of the goals matrix.

Motion to approve made Commissioner Price and seconded by Commissioner Bernal.

Motion carried 3-1-1

Ayes: Bernal, Price, Schultz

Nays: Shay

Absent: Falco

7. Discussion

7A. Special Events Update-

Kristin Steyermaier provided an update on the Special Events Team, beginning with an expression of gratitude for the support she received during a recent personal loss. She highlighted the success of the Tree Lighting event, noting the high attendance. Additionally, she discussed the recent visit from Sister Cities representatives from Korea and shared details about upcoming visits from Hanno, Japan, and another Friendship City. She also mentioned the strong interest in the Pet Expo and Spring Boutique, emphasizing the high volume of applications and the positive feedback received.

8. Information Memorandum

8A. Information Memorandum

The Commission remarked how much they enjoy the new format of the Memorandum.

9. Reports

9A. Theatre Subcommittee

Elliot Forrester stated the Committee would be meeting in the upcoming month and gave an update on events happening at the Theatre.

9B. Gallery Subcommittee

Since the subcommittee met recently, there were no updates to report. However, Katie Chidester shared that the Made in California submissions are surpassing last year's numbers. Vice Chair Schultz added that he is currently in discussions with his team regarding the possibility of hosting a *Yo Gabba Gabba* show at the Gallery.

9C. Art in Public Places Advisory Committee-

Community Services Manager Jenn Colacion confirmed the Art in Public Places Advisory Committee will meet soon.

9D. Site Awareness Subcommittee-

No updates.

9E. General Plan Steering Committee

The General Plan Steering Committee has completed its work, with a successful collaboration among stakeholders.

9F. Staff

Theatre Director Katie Chidester announced that the Gallery will partner with the local wine shop, Maison Fox, for the opening reception of Bitter/Sweet.

The Community Services Director Carrie Hernandez informed the Commission of City Manager Bill Gallardo's retirement and shared that Kristin Griffith has been appointed as the Interim City Manager.

Vice Chair Schultz inquired whether the Commission reorganization would take place at the next meeting. Staff confirmed that this would likely depend on City Council appointments.

10. Adjournment

Vice Chair Schultz adjourned the meeting at 6:23 pm.

The foregoing minutes are hereby approved

This 12th day of February, 2025:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Carrie', is written over a horizontal line.

Carrie Hernandez, Community Services Director