

## **Minutes for the Cultural Arts Commission**

1 Civic Center Circle, Brea, California 92821

February 12, 2025

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

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

### **1. Call to Order**

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Chair Falco called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

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Chair Falco led the Pledge of of Allegiance.

### **3. Invocation**

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Chair Falco asked for a moment of silence for those in need.

### **4. Informational**

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None.

### **5. Matters from the Audience**

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None.

### **6. Action**

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#### **6A. Commission Reorganization**

Vice Chair Schultz nominated Chair Falco to remain as Chair, seconded by Commissioner Shay.

Motion carried 5-0

Ayes: Falco, Schultz, Bernal, Price, Shay

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None.

Vice Chair Schultz nominated Commissioner Bernal as Vice Chair, seconded by Commissioner Price.

Motion carried 5-0

Ayes: Falco, Schultz, Bernal, Price, Shay

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None.

**6B. Approval of Minutes-**

Commissioner Schultz made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Shay.

Motion carried 4-0-1.

Ayes: Bernal, Price, Schultz, Shay

Nays: None

Abstain: Falco

Absent: None

**6C. 2025/2026 Curtis Theatre Season Offerings-**

Theatre Director Kris Kataoka provided a robust presentation of the upcoming Curtis Theatre season.

Commissioner Price made a motion to approve, seconded by Vice Chair Bernal.

Motion carried 5-0

Ayes: Falco, Bernal, Price, Schultz, Shay

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None.

**6D. Cultural Arts Commission Goals Matrix Amendment Consideration**

Community Services Manager Jenn Colacion presented proposed amendments to the Cultural Arts Commission's goals matrix. She reported that Commissioner Shay had suggested additional

potential goals for consideration:

- **Expanded Community Outreach:** To increase engagement with nonprofits, local artists, and community groups beyond city-run facilities. Staff proposed language for a goal focused on connecting the community to arts offerings throughout Brea via city promotion platforms.
- **Arts & Humanities Month Campaign:** To initiate a comprehensive campaign during Arts & Humanities Month (October), encompassing city facilities and community outreach, with collaboration from the Communications and Marketing team. This would include existing initiatives and potentially a Cultural Arts Commission recognition program for artists, nonprofits, businesses, volunteers, and private studios.

Commissioner Schultz proposed developing a list of community events and happenings. He suggested inviting attendees of those events to Commission meetings and acknowledging their presence. This approach could organically initiate a process of recognizing individuals and groups for their cultural impact within the community.

The Commission appreciated the thought and work that went into creating these goals.

## **7. Discussion**

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### **7A. Cultural Arts Commission Subcommittee Appointments-**

Following discussion, the Commission made the following appointments:

- Chair Falco: Gallery Committee
- Vice Chair Bernal: Country Fair Committee, Theater Committee
- Commissioner Shay: Arts in Public Places (APP) Committee, Gallery Committee
- Commissioner Price: General Plan Steering Committee, Site Awareness Committee, Theater Committee
- Commissioner Schultz: Site Awareness Committee, General Plan Steering Committee (Alternate)

## **8. Information Memorandum**

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### **8A. Information Memorandum-**

## **9. Reports**

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#### **9A. Theatre Subcommittee-**

The Committee had met and reviewed the preview the Commission just saw.

#### **9B. Gallery Subcommittee -**

No updates.

#### **9C. Site Awareness Subcommittee-**

No updates.

#### **9D. Art in Public Places Subcommittee-**

No updates.

#### **9E. Staff-**

##### **Gallery Report from Community Services Specialist Kathleen Fenstermaker:**

- Kathleen Fenstermaker provided a recap of the "Bitter/Sweet" gallery opening.
- She announced the upcoming artist-in-residence program.
- A poet laureate from West Hollywood will be present at the gallery, creating personalized poems for guests.
- Over 4,000 art submissions were received for the "Made in California" exhibition, and staff are currently reviewing them.

##### **Theater Report from Theatre Director Kris Kataoka:**

- Kris Kataoka reported that the youth theater production had concluded, and "Beautiful" is opening this weekend.
- The theater has a busy spring schedule with school rentals and is currently finalizing the spring brochure design.

##### **Community Services Report from Community Services Supervisor Kristin Steyerman:**

- Kristin Steyerman reported that the Sister City student exchange program with Korea and Japan has concluded after hosting over 70 students.
- The spring boutique is scheduled for March 14-15.
- The Pet Expo will take place on April 5.

- The "Go. Serve. Brea." event, formerly known as "Love Brea," will be held on April 26.

## **10. Adjournment**

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Chair Falco adjourned the meeting at 6:51 pm.

The foregoing minutes are hereby approved

This 12th day of March, 2025:

  
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Carrie Hernandez, Community Services Director

