



**City of El Segundo
Arts and Culture Advisory Committee**

Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2022 5:30 p.m.

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 Natalie Strong.

B. ROLL CALL

1. Members present: Joanna Bowe, Jane Burrell, Maureen Kingsley, Joan Palmer, Chairperson Natalie Strong, Eva Sweeney, Tanya Taylor, Vice Chairperson Neal Von Flue.

City Council Liaisons:

Councilmember Lance Giroux – not present

Councilmember Scot Nicol – not present

2. City Staff Liaisons present: Senior Librarian Julie Todd, Cultural Arts Coordinator Sam Lee, Senior Administrative Specialist Brandee Thornton

C. PRESENTATIONS

1. Julie Holop presents a concept for Gundo Teen (Girl) Space.
(Julie Holop/20 minutes)

After presenting why a Gundo Teen (Girl) Space would be an important addition to the community, Julie Holop asked the ACC if they would be willing to help fund and support this project in the next fiscal year. Joanna Bowe asked what the full project budget is. Julie Holop shared \$250k. Julie Holop also shared that Recreation, Parks, and Library Director Aly Mancini suggested the existing lawn bowling court as a possible location to consider. Natalie asked about alternative locations and Julie Holop shared near the table space behind the firepits. Neal asked if that space is ever rented out. He also asked how far down the project list is Gundo Teen (Girl) Space and Julie Holop informed the space is at the bottom of phase two, a minimum of 5 years out. Tanya asked if there is any space indoors that can be used for the teen space. Possibly the Clubhouse may have space for lounging to create an indoor/outdoor space. Natalie also mentioned use of the Clubhouse patio that might be considered. Sam asked if Julie has investigated

corporate partnerships for this project. She has not but will look into Mattel. Natalie suggested that we should steer clear of having this space being fitness focused to not pressure the youth. Using the Visual Artists in Community program can help to beautify the space.

Sam shared that ACC would begin working on the new budget initiatives sometime around February 2023. At this time, ACC should have identified initiatives to share with City Council; a presentation taking place in April, and final presentation for approval in June.

Tanya mentioned she attended a meeting with the supervisor of the second district and they are working to create more diverse spaces. She will share her contact on the County level.

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS - NONE

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES for September 27, 2022

1. Approval of minutes of the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee Regular Meeting of September 27, 2022.

A verbal vote was taken by Julie Todd.

MOTIONED by Vice Chairperson Neal Von Flue and SECONDED by Chairperson Natalie Strong to approve the minutes of September 27, 2022. Motion CARRIED 9-0.

F. SPECIAL BUSINESS – NONE

G. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Continued discussion on Jr. ACC Membership or Teen Advisory Council ACC Liaison. (Natalie Strong/15 minutes)

Chairperson Natalie Strong shared that she spoke with Recreation Coordinator Devon Zamora, and the Teen Advisory Committee has returned to meetings. They would like a representative from the ACC to visit their next meeting on Monday November 7th, at 4:00 p.m. to share about the ACC and possible teen liaison or Jr. member. Vice Chairperson Neal Von Flue will attend the Teen Advisory Committee meeting as the ACC representative.

Maureen Kingsley asked that Neal explain to the teens what the ACC does, ask for their ideas and invite them to attend a meeting. Tanya Taylor spoke to Manhattan Beach Cultural Arts Commission and their teen representative is a full member. Manhattan Beach has had success, offering the teen member a limited schedule, exempting attendance, or making it optional during final exams and busier times of the one-year term. Tanya mentioned possibly sending an invitation to the local high schools to encourage teens to attend the November 7th meeting.

H. NEW BUSINESS

1. Volunteer commitments for Festival of Holidays Saturday, December 3rd.
(Sam Lee/ 15 minutes)

Vice Chairperson Neal Von Flue and Tanya Taylor volunteered to assist with setup for the Festival of Holidays. Julie and Sam are looking into the National Charity League and the Rotary Club for volunteer opportunities at this year's event. Chairperson Natalie Strong asked what the volunteer opportunities will be. Volunteers are needed to help with event set-up, overseeing the hands-on craft tables, greeting attendees, and more. Kagura Japanese restaurant on Main Street will be a food vendor. Sam asked that event opening remarks be made by Chairperson Natalie Strong. Natalie also volunteered to oversee one of the craft activities tables from 5:00 p.m. to close of the festival. Maureen Kingsley is available to help. Jane Burrell is available from 6:00 p.m. until clean up. Natalie Strong can also help on Friday, December 2nd from 5:00 p.m. on if needed.

I. GOVERNANCE

Senior Librarian Julie Todd shared that for National Native American Heritage Month, award-winning musicians and performers Shelley Morningsong and Fabian Fontenelle will perform at the gazebo in Library Park on Saturday, November 5th. The performance will begin at 11:00 a.m. and will last about 90 minutes.

Stephen Holman's *Best in Show* dog portraits have been taken down, and the new exhibition, *Slightly Askew* black and white photographs by Steven Nilsson is on display in the Library's Reading Lounge. Sam encouraged ACC members look at Steven's photos upstairs. Steven Nilsson uses the Diana camera of the 1960s for his photos. A closing reception and photo walk workshop with the photographer are in the planning stages and currently Sam is looking at Saturday, November 19th.

Julie Todd also reminded the ACC that November/December holidays are coming up. The committee will need to decide when Special Meetings will take place to avoid holiday celebrations. Tuesday, November 15th at 5:30 p.m. was proposed by Julie and all ACC members in attendance agreed to hold a Special meeting on this date. Julie also proposed December 13th. Tanya may be out in December. Monday December 12th at 5:30 p.m. was finalized by all ACC members in attendance. Meeting locations for both November and December Special Meetings will take place in the Library's Community Room.

Vice Chairperson Neal Von Flue asked about Roots on Eucalyptus and Sam said he has not heard back from them. Neal will follow up.

Julie Todd has not received further information about ACC interviews to fill the two vacancies. Maureen asked about current projects involving the Poet Laureate. Sam shared that Hope will be reading a new poem as a welcoming to the *Joy Around the World: Holiday Festival and Christmas Tree Lighting* event. Julie also shared that there is a new art teacher at the middle school who is very interested in having Hope in the classroom. Hope is also working on a podcast and will have it posted on the Library's Poet Laureate webpage. A conversation with Jaqueline

Woodson and Hope Anita Smith is also in the planning stages.

Two upcoming music performances that are part of the Public Engagement initiative include hosting the Inner-City Youth Orchestra of Los Angeles and Women of the West will take place early 2023 at the El Segundo Performing Arts Center.

J. ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS

Joanna Bowe – no comment

Jane Burrell – no comment

Maureen Kingsley – no comment

Joan Palmer - no comment

Chairperson Natalie Strong – no comment

Eva Sweeney – thanked everyone for their hard work

Vice Chairperson Neal Von Flue – no comment

Tanya Taylor - mentioned that Black in Mayberry has been invited to TEDx Manhattan Beach to provide information about anti-racism and anti-hate. She is hoping to reuse the Black in Mayberry exhibition again for United Against Hate Week November 12th-17th and is looking for a space to host the 10'x10' tent. TEDx Manhattan Beach is on November 5th at Mira Costa Highschool from 8:00 a.m.to 12:00 p.m. Tanya thought a possible location for the tent could be the City Hall Plaza.

CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS – NONE

Councilmember Lance Giroux – not present

Councilmember Scot Nicol – not present

K. CITY LIAISON UPDATES

Julie thanked Joan Palmer for helping with the Howl-O-Ween event on Saturday, October 22nd. There were 35 dogs who participated, and dog owners and families dressed in themes. Between participants and onlookers, there were about 200 attendees. Howl-O-Ween was successful, and we will have the event next year, too. Sam had no comment.

L. ADJOURNMENT – Meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

A verbal vote was taken by Julie Todd.

MOTIONED by Joan Palmer and SECONDED by Jane Burrell to adjourn the meeting. Motion CARRIED 9-0.

NEXT MEETING: A Special Meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 5:30 p.m., in person at the El Segundo Public Library's Community Room.

Posted by: Sam Lee
Date/Time: 11/8/22, 3:00 p.m.