



## ARTS COMMISSION

Monday, July 10, 2023

Council Chambers

505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651

5:00 P.M.

### - AGENDA -

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Minutes
- 3) Chair's Announcements (Wood)
  - Introduce and welcome new Arts Commissioners
- 4) Commissioner, Council and Staff Communications
- 5) Public Communications - *To assist the Arts Commission in the timely completion of its business, speakers are asked to limit their presentation to three minutes or less.*
- 6) Items for Discussion and Action:
  - A. **Election of Officers** – Discuss and approve a Chair, Vice-Chair and Treasurer for a one-year term. (Staff: Poeschl)
  - B. **Arts Commission Sub-Committees** - Discuss and review committees and provide feedback to the Chair for assignments on July 24, 2023. (Staff: Poeschl)
  - C. **Temporary Mural Installation – Alta Laguna Park** – Discuss and approve a temporary installation by artists Dabsmyla with an honorarium of \$20,000. (Commissioner: Ballard, Staff: Poeschl)
- 7) Adjournment

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cc: City Manager, City Clerk, Council Liaison Mayor Pro-Tem, Director Transit and Community Services

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## LAGUNA BEACH ARTS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Monday, June 12, 2023

Council Chambers

505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651

5:00 p.m.

### Recap of Minutes

**PRESENT:** **Commissioners:** Donna Ballard, Suzi Chauvel, Michael Ervin, Pat Kollenda, Adam Schwerner, and Karen Wood. **ABSENT:** Laura Ford

**STAFF:** Sian Poeschl, Cultural Arts Manager, Michael McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator, Jamie Bichler, Public Art Coordinator

**COUNCIL:** Sue Kempf, Mayor Pro-Tem

- 1) Karen Wood called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) Minutes of the May 8, 2023, meeting were approved as presented. M/S Kollenda/Ballard.
- 3) **Chair's Announcements:** Karen Wood noted the Sunset Serenades World Music and Circus Bella performances.
- 4) **Commissioner and Staff Communications:** Pat Kollenda and Suzi Chauvel commended the Circus Bella performance. Staff Bichler noted the dedication for the temporary telephone booth installation on Forest Avenue would be held June 15, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. Staff noted the temporary installation "Polymery" would be removed from City Hall lawn on June 15, 2023, and replaced with the temporary installation "Inquire Within" starting August 1, 2023. Staff noted the artist-designed "Wave" benches by Doug Snider and "Bicycle Garden" by Liz Avalon along Laguna Canyon Road would be restored starting June 19, 2023. Staff noted that artists Margaret Hemsley and Nevada Silva would begin installation of artworks funded by the Fostering Creativity grants along Laguna Frontage Road. Staff McGregor noted large attendance at World Music Series and Circus Bella performances and thanked Commissioners. Staff Poeschl noted Louis Longi would be hosting a soft opening for ArtLofts on June 16, 2023, at 5:00 p.m., with a hard opening in September 2023. Staff congratulated the Festival of Arts on its new installation by Gerard Basil Stripling and noted there would be a dedication for the work on June 21, 2023. Staff noted that City Hall would be closed June 16-19, 2023. Staff noted that there was no meeting on June 26, 2023, and the next meeting would be held July 10, 2023.
- 5) **Public Communications:** None.
- 6) Items for Discussion and Action:
  - A) **Cultural Arts Funding Grants** – Staff Poeschl noted KX FM requested an extension to use their 2022-23 grant funding because their event was canceled. Patti Compton from KX FM noted the station was planning a music event for March 2024 in coordination with the Festival of Arts. A motion was made to approve a date extension to utilize the funding and, if the event does not take place, the grant money be refunded to the City. M/S Ballard/Schwerner. Yeas: Ballard, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Schwerner, Wood. Noes: None.

- B) **375 Broadway (Bus Depot) Temporary Sculpture Installation** – Staff Bichler introduced artist Gerard Basil Stripling. Mr. Stripling presented the proposed installation and noted the materials. Mr. Stripling noted a lighting element powered by a small solar panel cemented into the base. A motion was made to approve the installation as presented. M/S Schwerner/Ervin. Yeas: Ballard, Chauvel, Ervin, Schwerner, Wood. Noes: None. Recused: Kollenda.
- C) **699 South Coast Highway (Taco Stand) Temporary Mural Installation** – Staff Bichler presented the mural proposal and introduced artist Mike Tauber. Staff Poeschl noted the recommendation of approval for a 5-year installation, with a possible additional 5-years via administrative review approval by the Arts Commission following the initial installation period. Mike Tauber presented material samples and noted community members would be assisting in the design of the individual tiles. A motion was made to approve the mural for a 5-year installation. M/S Ervin/Kollenda. Yeas: Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Schwerner, Wood. Noes: None. Recused: Ballard. Staff Bichler noted the motion could be appealed to the Planning Commission or City Council within 10 days.
- D) **Music in the Park** – Staff McGregor presented the proposed schedule of performers for the 2023 Music in the Park concert series and noted that the band scheduled for August 20, 2023, could not be publicly announced until August 10, 2023, due to a contractual agreement. A motion was made to approve the schedule as presented. M/S Kollenda/Chauvel. Yeas: Ballard, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Schwerner, Wood. Noes: None.
- E) **Juried Fine Art Competition** – Staff McGregor presented the guidelines for the 2023 Juried Fine Art competition and noted applications would be made online. Staff noted the Arts Commission would need to approve a juror and requested recommendations. A motion was made to approve the guidelines through 2026. M/S Kollenda/Schwerner. Yeas: Ballard, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Schwerner, Wood. Noes: None.

7) Adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

cc: City Manager, City Clerk, Mayor Pro-Tem Kempf, Director of Transit and Community Services

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 29, 2023  
**TO:** Arts Commission  
**FROM:** Siân Poeschl, Arts Manager  
**SUBJECT:** **Election of Officers** (Item 6A)

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The role and responsibilities of the Arts Commission are described in the City's Municipal Code. Chapter 2.23.080 relating to Officers and notes the following:

*The officers of the arts commission shall be a chairman, vice-chairman, and a secretary-treasurer. They shall be elected for a term of one year at the first meeting after July 1st of each year and serve until their successors are duly elected.*

*The chairman shall preside at all meetings of the commission, appoint all committees and their members, execute all documents authorized by the commission, may serve as an ex officio member of all committees, and generally perform all duties associated with the office.*

*The vice-chairman, in the absence of the chairman or his inability to act, shall preside at all meetings and perform all other duties of the chairman.*

*The secretary-treasurer shall record minutes of all commission meetings, keep a record of its business proceedings and financial transactions, issue notice of all regular and special meetings and shall perform all other duties as are generally associated with this office. (Ord. 957 § 1, 1978; Ord. 926 § 1, 1978).*

[HERE is a link to the entire Chapter](#)

Commissioner Karen Wood has served as the Chair for the past year, along with Donna Ballard as Vice-Chair and Michael Ervin as Treasurer. Cultural Arts Department staff are responsible for recording minutes and the public noticing of meetings.

It is recommended the Commission follow the guidelines noted in the Municipal Code and appoint Officers to serve a term of one-year.

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 29, 2023  
**TO:** Arts Commission  
**FROM:** Siân Poeschl, Arts Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Arts Commission Sub-Committees (Item 6B)

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To assist the Arts Commission in its duties, sub-committees have been established to work with staff on specific programming. A sub-committee cannot consist of more than three members who bring recommendations to the Arts Commission. Currently the sub-committee members and staff liaison are noted below.

<b>2022-2023 Sub-Committee</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Staff Liaison</b>
Artist Review Panel	Chair: Karen, Laura, Donna	Mike McGregor
Banner and Palette	Chair: Suzi, Michael, Laura	Public Art Coordinator
Budget	Chair: Karen, Donna, and Michael	Siân Poeschl
Economic Study	Chair: Karen and Pat	Siân Poeschl
Exhibitions at City Hall	Chair: Michael, Donna, Pat	Mike McGregor
Implementation Plan	Chair: Suzi / Alternate Pat	Siân Poeschl
Performing Arts	Chair: Pat, Suzi, and Karen	Siân Poeschl/ Mike McGregor
Laguna Beach Arts Alliance	Michael/Alternate Karen	Mike McGregor
Public Art	Chair: Donna, Suzi, and Adam	Siân Poeschl
Youth Advisory	Chair: Adam, Pat, and Laura	Mike McGregor

Staff recommends eliminating the Economic Study sub-committee as the project is drawing to a conclusion. A sub-committee should be established to undertake the new grant for artists which was approved in the 2023/24 Arts Commission budget of the Laguna Beach Tourism Marketing District.

It is recommended that the Arts Commission review the sub-committees and inform the Chair of areas of interest. The Chair will return on July 24, 2023 with the assignments.

## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 5, 2023  
**TO:** Arts Commission  
**FROM:** Siân Poeschl, Arts Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Temporary Mural Installation – Alta Laguna Park (Item 6C)

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On November 28, 2022, the Arts Commission approved a site for temporary murals at Alta Laguna Park. Staff prepared a Temporary Use Permit application and presented the project to the Planning Commission on April 19, 2023 which was unanimously approved. The site is a wall of the baseball dug out which measures 35' in length by 7' in height.



The initial concept was for a High School led mural encouraging participation by students facilitated by the art teacher. However, scheduling a time to undertake the project has been delayed. In lieu of waiting a year staff is recommending the site be activated with a temporary mural by artist team DabsMyla. Dabsmyla are a husband-and-wife team based in Los Angeles whose works have a sense of whimsy and dreamscape. With over 10 years of experience, they have undertaken several public art pieces that have fused retro-futuristic aesthetics that can be view in this [LINK](#).

The Public Art sub-committee consisting of Commissioners Donna Ballard, Suzi Chauvel and Adam Schwerner reviewed and support the proposal for a mural by the artists who have presented two concepts based on flora. The mural will be painted directly onto the wall with acrylic paint and will be sealed with an anti-graffiti coating. The cost of the installation is \$20,000 which has been budgeted in the 2023/24 Arts Commission Special Programs budget of the Laguna Beach Marketing Tourism District which has a balance of \$71,500. The mural will be on display for 12 months and may be extended another 12 months admiratively based on condition and status of future projects.

It is recommended by the sub-committee that the Arts Commission select one of the two proposals by Dabsmyla for installation at Alta Laguna Park for up to 12 months, which may be extended administratively an additional 12 months based on condition and status of future projects and allocate an honorarium of \$20,000.

If approved, the decision of the Arts Commission may be appealed by a member of the City Council or Planning Commission.

Attached: Mural Proposals

# Dabsmyla Proposals

Proposal A



Proposal B

