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# ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION MINUTES

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Paul Atkinson, Chair  
Qori Moorehaul, Vice Chair  
Karen Kitchel, Commissioner  
Marie Lakin, Commissioner  
Ines Monguio, Commissioner  
KC Rodriguez, Commissioner  
Seana-Marie Sesma, Commissioner

Emily Fox, Recreation Manager  
Kathryn Dippong Lawson, Recreation Supervisor  
Elena Waller, Recording Secretary

**ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION  
SPECIAL MEETING**  
Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 5:30pm  
Santa Cruz Meeting Room, Ventura City Hall, 501 Poli Street

*Chair Atkinson called the meeting to order at 5:31 PM*

*Attachments:*

- [Power Point - January 25, 2024](#)
- [Power Point - Ventura River Trail Improvements Project](#)

## **ROLL CALL**

*PRESENT: Chair Atkinson, Vice Chair Moorehaul, and Commissioners Kitchel, Lakin, Monguio, Rodriguez, and Sesma*

*ABSENT: None*

*Staff Present: Emily Fox, Kathryn Dippong Lawson, and Elena Waller*

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

*Marilyn Keller*

### **CONSENT ITEMS**

#### **1. Approval of Minutes**

**RECOMMENDATION:** This is an action item. It is recommended that the Arts & Culture Commission approve the meeting minutes of the regular meeting on November 14, 2023.

*Commissioner Rodriguez made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as submitted. Commissioner Monguio seconded. The vote was as follows:*

**AYES:** *Chair Atkinson, Vice Chair Moorehaul, and Commissioners Kitchel, Lakin, Monguio, Rodriguez, and Sesma*

**NOES:** *None*

**ABSTAIN:** *None*

**ABSENT:** *None*

*Chair Atkinson declared the motion carried.*

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## FORMAL ITEM(S)

### 2. [Review Panel for Ventura River Trail Improvements Project Public Art Mural](#)

RECOMMENDATION: This is an action item. It is recommended that the Arts & Culture Commission select one member to serve on the review panel for the Ventura River Trail Improvements Project Public Art Mural.

*Chair Atkinson opened the nominations. Commissioner Lakin made a motion to nominate Commissioner Rodriguez to serve on the review panel for the Ventura River Trail Improvements Project Public Art Mural. Commissioner Rodriguez accepted the nomination. Chair Atkinson closed the nominations. The vote was as follows:*

AYES: Chair Atkinson, Vice Chair Moorehaul, and Commissioners Kitchel, Lakin, Monguio, Rodriguez, and Sesma

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

*Chair Atkinson declared the motion carried.*

### 3. [Election of Chair and Vice Chair](#)

RECOMMENDATION: This is an action item. It is recommended that the Arts & Culture Commission elect a Chair and Vice Chair to serve for the 2024 calendar year.

*Chair Atkinson opened the nominations. Commissioner Lakin made a motion to nominate Commissioner Sesma to serve as Chair for the 2024 calendar year. Commissioner Sesma accepted the nomination. Chair Atkinson closed the nominations. The vote was as follows:*

AYES: Chair Atkinson, Vice Chair Moorehaul, and Commissioners Kitchel, Lakin, Monguio, Rodriguez, and Sesma

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

*Chair Atkinson declared the motion carried.*

*The Chair position transitioned to Commissioner Sesma.*

*Chair Sesma opened the nominations. Commissioner Lakin made a motion to nominate Commissioner Kitchel to serve as Vice Chair for the 2024 calendar year. Commissioner Kitchel accepted the nomination. Commissioner Rodriguez nominated herself to serve as Vice Chair for the 2024 calendar year. Chair Sesma closed the nominations. The vote for the first nomination, Commissioner Kitchel, was as follows:*

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AYES: Chair Sesma, and Commissioners Atkinson, Kitchel, Lakin, Monguio, and Rodriguez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Vice Chair Moorehaul

ABSENT: None

*Chair Sesma declared the motion carried.*

*The Vice Chair position transitioned to Commissioner Kitchel.*

4. **2024 Arts & Culture Commission Meeting Calendar**

RECOMMENDATION: This is an action item. It is recommended that the Arts & Culture Commission approve the following meeting dates for the 2024 calendar year: February 8; March 14; April 11; May 9; June 13; July 11; August 8; September 12; October 10; and November 14.

*Vice Chair Kitchel made a motion to accept the proposed meeting dates for the 2024 calendar year as submitted. Commissioner Atkinson seconded. The vote was as follows:*

AYES: Chair Sesma, Vice Chair Kitchel, and Commissioners Atkinson, Lakin Monguio, Moorehaul, and Rodriguez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

*Chair Sesma declared the motion carried.*

5. **Review and Approve: Public Art Program's 2024-25 Annual Projects Plan**

RECOMMENDATION: This is an action item. It is recommended that the Arts & Culture Commission review and approve the Public Art Program's 2024-25 Annual Projects Plan.

*Vice Chair Kitchel made a motion to accept the Public Art Program's 2024-25 Annual Projects Plan as submitted. Commissioner Atkinson seconded. The vote was as follows:*

AYES: Chair Sesma, Vice Chair Kitchel, and Commissioners Atkinson, Monguio, Moorehaul, and Rodriguez

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Commissioner Lakin

ABSENT: None

*Chair Sesma declared the motion carried.*

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**INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)**

**DEPARTMENT COMMUNICATIONS**

**COMMISSION COMMUNICATIONS**

**ADJOURNMENT**

*The meeting was adjourned by Chair Sesma at 6:50 PM*

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct record of the Arts and Culture Commission Meeting held on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

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Elena Waller  
Recreation Coordinator

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