

CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE
CITY OF PALM DESERT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Present: Vice Chair Carol Adney, Committee Member Maureen Boren,
Committee Member Lori Flint, Committee Member Pia Rose,
Committee Member Ann Simley, Chair Elizabeth Hauer

Absent: Committee Member Thomas Mitze

Staff Present: Management Analyst Erica Powell, Deputy Director of Economic
Development Amy Lawrence, Recording Secretary Monique
Lomeli

Liaison(s) Present: City Council Liaison (alt.) Evan Trubee
Planning Commission Liaison Lindsay Holt

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Cultural Arts Committee was called to order by Chair Hauer on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Administrative Conference Room, City Hall, located at 73-510 Fred Waring Drive, Palm Desert, California.

2. ROLL CALL

3. NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

4. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion by: Committee Member Rose

Seconded by: Committee Member Simley

To approve the consent calendar as presented.

Motion Carried (6 to 0)

4.a APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by: Committee Member Rose

Seconded by: Committee Member Simley

Approve the Minutes of April 9, 2025.

Motion Carried

4.b INFORMATIONAL REPORT ON DUELING PALMS BY KYLE ABSOLOM

Motion by: Committee Member Rose

Seconded by: Committee Member Simley

Receive and file informational report on *Dueling Palms* by Kyle Absolom.

Motion Carried

5. CONSENT ITEMS HELD OVER

None.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.a RECOMMEND APPROVAL TO RELEASE A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR SAN PABLO PHASE 2 ROUNDABOUT SCULPTURE

Management Analyst Powell provided a staff report and responded to Committee Member inquiries.

Motion by: Vice Chair Adney

Motion to continue the item to the June Cultural Arts Committee Meeting.

Motion Fails due to lack of second.

Motion by: Committee Member Flint

Seconded by: Committee Member Boren

Recommend City Council approval to release a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a sculpture to be installed in the San Pablo Phase 2 Roundabout, as amended:

- Include submissions from artists based in Canada and Mexico.
- Add a 13 ft. minimum height requirement.
- Exclude water and kinetic features.
- Include a requirement to specify who is responsible for fabrication.

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

6.b CONSIDERATION OF PURCHASE OF A SCULPTURE FROM THE 2025 DESERT X EXHIBITION

Management Analyst Powell provided a staff report and responded to Committee Member inquiries.

Motion by: Vice Chair Adney

Seconded by: Committee Member Simley

To pursue negotiations for the purchase of *The Act of Being Together* by Jose Davila from the 2025 Desert X Exhibition.

NOES (4): Committee Member Boren, Committee Member Flint, Committee Member Rose, and Chair Hauer

Motion Fails (2 to 4)

Motion by: Committee Member Rose

Seconded by: Chair Hauer

To accept staff's recommendation not to pursue the purchase of *The Act of Being Together* by José Dávila from the 2025 Desert X Exhibition.

NOES (2): Vice Chair Adney, and Committee Member Simley

Motion Carried (4 to 2)

The Committee recessed at 9:54 a.m. and reconvened at 9:58 a.m. with all members present.

6.c REVISE PRIORITY ONE OF THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE'S FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 WORK PLAN

Management Analyst Powell provided a staff report and responded to Committee Member inquiries.

Motion by: Committee Member Boren

Seconded by: Committee Member Rose

Accept the revised Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Work Plan and forward to the City Council for approval.

Motion Carried (6 to 0)

6.d REQUEST FOR DIRECTION TO RELOCATE OR DEACCESSION OF LILY PAD BENCH BY MICHAEL TODD

Management Analyst Powell provided a staff report and responded to Committee Member inquiries.

Motion by: Committee Member Boren

Seconded by: Committee Member Flint

To remove and relocate the *Lily Pad Bench* by Michael Todd.

Motion Carried (6 to 0)

7. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

7.a CITY STAFF

Management Analyst Powell provided information on the following:

- Vinyl wrap art has been installed
- Meeting materials will be available to be picked up or mailed to Committee Members in advance of the meeting

7.a.1 CITY CLERK PRESENTATION

This item was removed from the agenda at the request of staff and will be brought forward at a later date.

7.b PLANNING COMMISSION LIAISON

Planning Commission Liaison Holt was present and stated there have been no reportable actions.

7.c ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION LIAISON

None.

7.d CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

City Council Liaison (alt.) Trubee commended the Committee for their dedication and valuable discussions.

7.e ATTENDANCE REPORT

Report provided; no action taken on this item.

8. REQUESTS FOR ACTION

Committee Member Simley, with support from Committee Member Boren, requested that staff research and agendize a discussion on the potential to purchase the following pieces from the 2025 Desert X Exhibition:

- *Unsui* by Sanford Biggers
- *Soul Service Station* by Alison Saar
- *Plotting Rest* by Kapwani Kiwanga

Vice Chair Adney encouraged Committee Members to visit the *Act of Being Together* exhibit.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Cultural Arts Committee adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

10. PUBLIC NOTICES

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Monique Lomeli, Senior Deputy Clerk
Recording Secretary

Erica Powell, Management Analyst
Secretary

DATE APPROVED BY CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE