

CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE
CITY OF PALM DESERT
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2025, 9:00 a.m.

Present: Committee Member Maureen Boren, Committee Member Lori Flint, Committee Member Thomas Mitze, Committee Member Ann Simley, Chair Elizabeth Hauer

Absent: Vice Chair Carol Adney, Committee Member Pia Rose

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

Liaison(s) Present: Councilmember Karina Quintanilla

1. CALL TO ORDER

A Regular Meeting of the Cultural Arts Committee was called to order by Chair Hauer on Wednesday, June 11, 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 Boren

Seconded by: Committee Member Flint

To approve the consent calendar as presented.

Motion Carried (4 to 0, Mitze Abstaining)

4.a APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by: Committee Member Boren

Seconded by: Committee Member Flint

Approve the Minutes of May 14, 2025.

Motion Carried (4 to 0, Mitze Abstaining)

5. BUSINESS ITEMS

5.a CONSIDERATION OF 2026 CALIFORNIA DESERT PLEIN AIR FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP

Management Analyst Powell, Paulina Larson, of Palm Springs Life Magazine, and Diane Moore, of Desert Plein Air Association, provided a staff report and responded to member inquiries.

Brian Boyce, of Skidmore Contemporary Art, spoke in support of the festival.

Lia Skidmore, of Skidmore Contemporary Art, spoke in support of the festival.

Motion by: Committee Member Mitze

Seconded by: Committee Member Boren

Recommend City Council approve sponsorship for the 2026 California Desert Plein Air Festival.

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

5.b CONSIDER DEACCESSION OF TWO EL PASEO ENTRY SIGNS BY WATER STUDIO

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

Motion by: Committee Member Flint

Seconded by: Committee Member Mitze

Recommend the City Council approve deaccession of two El Paseo entry signs by Water Studio.

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

5.c CONSIDERATION OF SCULPTURE PURCHASE FROM 2025 DESERT X EXHIBITION

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

Motion by: Committee Member Flint

Seconded by: Committee Member Boren

Do not proceed with the purchase of an exhibit from Desert X 2025.

Motion Carried (5 to 0)

5.d OVERVIEW OF MEETING PROCEDURES, ROLES, AND RESPONSIBILITIES

City Clerk Mejia narrated a PowerPoint presentation and responded to member inquiries. No formal action was taken.

6. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

6.a CITY STAFF

Management Analyst Powell provided an update on upcoming June 12, 2025, City Council agenda items pertaining to public art.

6.b PLANNING COMMISSION LIAISON

None.

6.c ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW COMMISSION LIAISON

None.

6.d CITY COUNCIL LIAISON

Councilmember Quintanilla expressed gratitude for the Committee's discussions on Desert Plein Air and Desert X exhibits.

6.e ATTENDANCE REPORT

Report provided; no action taken on this item.

7. REQUESTS FOR ACTION

In response to inquiries, Management Analyst Powell provided updates on the following items:

- Update on signage for the following art pieces: *Enduring Tradition*, *Seeker*, and *Swirly Girl*; and
- New location of *Recycle* in front of Burrtec recycle center.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Cultural Arts Committee adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Nance, Deputy Clerk II
Recording Secretary

Erica Powell, Management Analyst
Secretary

DATE APPROVED BY CULTURAL ARTS COMMITTEE