

Art in Public Places Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda Announcement

On September 16, 2021, Governor Newsom signed into law Assembly Bill 361, which allows Brown Act bodies to attend meetings telephonically. Please be advised that some, Whittier Art in Public Place Advisory Committee Members may attend this meeting telephonically.

Speakers must limit their comments to three minutes. Please note, by order of the presiding officer, public comments minutes may be reduced if at their discretion a surplus of public speakers is present at the meeting.

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Please submit email comments by 3:30 p.m. on the date of the meeting to ensure Members receive and have time to review them. All emails received by 3:30 p.m. are forwarded to the Committee. Emails received after 3:30 p.m. but before the conclusion of public comments will be entered into the record.

Americans with Disabilities Act

Disability-related services are available to enable persons with a disability to participate in this meeting, consistent with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Spanish interpreters are also available. For information or to request services, please contact the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting at (562) 567-9400.

**AGENDA
CITY OF WHITTIER
ART IN PUBLIC PLACES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, CITY HALL, 13230 PENN STREET
MAY 28, 2025, 4:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Paulajeon Eagleman, Member
Sandra Hahn, Member
Gisela Morales, Member
Michael Medina, Vice Chair
Peggy Rowe, Chair

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public is invited to address the Art in Public Places Advisory Committee regarding any item of business, or any matter within the body's subject matter jurisdiction. Consistent with Executive Order No. N-29-20 public comments can be made via:

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Pursuant to State law, the Committee cannot take action or express a consensus of approval or disapproval on any communications which do not appear on the printed agenda.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.A. Approval of the Minutes

Recommendation: Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 23, 2025.

5.B. Philadelphia Project Request for Proposal Submissions

Recommendation: Review and select three to five artist proposals for the Philadelphia Art Project for further review by the Cultural Arts Commission.

6. SECRETARY COMMENTS

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE REPORTS

8. ADJOURNMENT

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The agenda packet is available three days before the meeting in the PRCS Department at City Hall (13230 Penn Street), Whittier Central Library (7344 Washington Avenue) and East Whittier Branch Library (10537 Santa Gertrudes Avenue). Additionally, the agenda packet can be viewed on the City's website. Materials distributed to the Art and Public Places Advisory Committee within 72 hours of the Committee meeting are available for public inspection in the PRCS Department's Office.

Los servicios relacionados con la discapacidad están disponibles para permitir que las personas con discapacidad participen en esta reunión, de conformidad con la Ley Federal de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades de 1990. También hay intérpretes en español disponibles. Para obtener información o para solicitar servicios, comuníquese con el Departamento de Recreación y Parques al Servicio a la Comunidad al menos de 24 horas antes de la reunión al (562) 567-9400.

El paquete de la agenda está disponible tres días antes de la reunión con El Departamento de Recreación y Parques al Servicio a la Comunidad en el Ayuntamiento (13230 Penn Street) y Biblioteca Central de Whittier (7344 Washington Avenue) y Biblioteca sucursal del este de Whittier (10537 Santa Gertrudes Avenue). Además, el paquete de la agenda se puede ver en el sitio web de la Ciudad. Los materiales distribuidos al comité consultivo de arte en lugares públicos dentro de las 72 horas de la comité reunión están disponibles para inspección pública en la con El Departamento de Recreación y Parques al Servicio a la Comunidad.

I hereby certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing agenda was posted in accordance with the applicable legal requirements. Regular and Adjourned Regular meeting agendas may be amended up to 72 hours in advance of the meeting. Dated this 23rd day of May 2025.

/s/ Teresa Marrufo

Teresa Marrufo, Administrative Secretary



Agenda Report

Arts in Public Places Advisory Committee

Date: May 28, 2025

To: Art in Public Places Advisory Committee

From: David Montgomery-Scott, Interim Director of PRCS
Erin Hamilton, Community Services Manager

Subject: Approval of the Minutes

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 23, 2025.

BACKGROUND

None.

DISCUSSION

Staff prepared draft minutes and hereby submits the minutes for Committee approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact.

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL

Goal 4: Transparent & Open Government

ATTACHMENTS

A. Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 23, 2025.

**MINUTES
ART IN PUBLIC PLACES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, 13230 PENN STREET
APRIL 23, 2025 – 4:30 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Art in Public Places Advisory Committee was called into order at 4:33 p.m., in the Council Chamber of Whittier City Hall, 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, California.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Paulajean Eagleman, Member
Gisela Morales, Member
Sandra Hahn, Member
Michael Medina, Vice - Chair
Peggy Rowe, Chair

STAFF PRESENT:

David Montgomery-Scott, Interim Director of PRCS
Erin Hamilton, Community Services Manager
Stacey Arismendez, Management Analyst
Darren Schmidt, Community Services Supervisor
Teresa Marrufo, Administrative Secretary

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Hahn led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were received.

5. STAFF REPORTS

5.A. Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Member Hahn, seconded by Member Morales and carried by 5-0 vote to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 26, 2025.

5.B. Guirado Park – Request for Proposal (RFP) FINAL

Community Services Manager Hamilton asked Management Analyst Arismendez to brief the commissioners on updates to the RFP. Ms. Arismendez explained her choices regarding wording, photos, slope details, and the overall finalization process. Member Morales inquired about the appearance of the booklet, and Member Hahn suggested using lighter colors. Ms. Arismendez

Further noted that no deadline had been set.

Member Hahn motioned to move the RFP forward, it was seconded by Member Eagleman, and carried by 5-0 vote.

6. SECRETARY COMMENTS

Manager Hamilton and Supervisor Schmidt update the committee regarding a variety of activities:

- Positive response to Philadelphia and Whittier Blvd. art project RFP (May 2nd deadline)
- *Dancing with the Whittier Star* event is on May 17th; donations will benefit the Parnell Zoo
- Summer registration begins on May 5th
- Supervisor Schmidt shared that 120 banners have been selected
- He also said Laura Sales is the current artist featured in the City Hall lobby

7. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS AND CONFERENCE REPORTS

No committee member comments

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rowe adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

Approved and adopted by the Art in Public Places Advisory Committee on _____.

Virginia Santana, Secretary



Agenda Report

Cultural Arts Commission

Date: May 28, 2025

To: Art in Public Places Committee

From: David Montgomery-Scott, Interim Director of Parks, Recreation and Community Services
Erin Hamilton, Community Services Manager
Stacey Arismendez, Management Analyst II

Subject: Philadelphia Project Request for Proposal Submissions

RECOMMENDATION

Review and select three to five artist proposals for the Philadelphia Art Project for further review by the Cultural Arts Commission.

BACKGROUND

The Art in Public Places (AIPP) committee selected the site for the newest public art project to be located at the corner of Philadelphia Street and Whittier Boulevard across from the entrance to The Groves. It is worth noting that two blocks east of this site is the home of our Solar Tree art piece, which was dedicated in 2019.

At the May 22, 2024, meeting, the AIPP Committee approved the updated changes to the Request for Proposal (RFP) and recommended it for review by the Cultural Arts Commission (CAC). On June 24, 2024, the CAC recommended the Request for Proposal to City Council with the inclusion of language encouraging local artists to apply.

At its meeting on January 28, 2025, the City Council approved the RFP for an Art in Public Places project at Whittier Boulevard and Philadelphia Street and allocated \$250,000 of AIPP funding for the project.

DISCUSSION

The RFP was issued on March 3, 2025. Proposals were due to the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department (PRCS) by May 2nd. The department received 19 proposals from a variety of artists (Attachment A). All submissions were forwarded to individual committee members on May 16th for initial review in preparation of a full-committee discussion.

The Committee will discuss proposals with the intention of shortlisting three to five of the proposals to the Cultural Arts Commission for a second round of review before a recommendation is made to the City Council regarding a final selection.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

STRATEGIC PLANNING GOAL

Goal 4: Transparent & Open Government

ATTACHMENTS

A. Request for Proposal List of Artists

Request for Proposals

Artist List for the Whittier Boulevard & Philadelphia Avenue Location

1. Christopher Brand
2. Kelley Brodin
3. Rude Calderon
4. Manny Cuchilla (1)
5. Manny Cuchilla (2)
6. James Dinh
7. Chris Dombos
8. Kristen Griffen
9. Edward Lopez
10. Dan Medina
11. Victoria Miller
12. Joel Nakamura
13. Andrew Navarro
14. Chris Nichols
15. Johnthan Russell
16. Evan Skrederstu
17. Not a submission (Artist Portfolio)
18. Hiromi Takizawa
19. Sean Thomsen
20. Maya Trejo

The proposals can be reviewed in their entirety at City Hall in the Parks, Recreation, & Community Services office located at 13230 Penn Street, Whittier, CA 90602.