

# Arts and Culture Commission Regular Meeting Minutes

## February 20, 2025

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson

Commission members present:

Joese Hernandez  
Susie Lopez-Guerra  
Miguel Ochoa  
Debra Russell  
Indigo Vu

Staff members present:

Michael Garcia, Executive Director  
Marc Morley, Economic Development Manager  
Tram Le, Arts and Culture Specialist  
Bianca Zurita, Recording Secretary

### INTRODUCTION:

Commissioner Ochoa introduced himself as the newly appointed Commissioner.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### *Minutes:*

- *Sara Guerrero – spoke about the importance of supporting the Arts and urged everyone to participate in upcoming special events and community fundraisers.*
- *Gay Olivos – addressed the Commission and expressed concerns regarding the safety issues related to the mural installation.*
- *Mayor Amezcua – Welcomed Mayor Galvez and expressed gratitude to the Commission and staff for organizing the meeting. Acknowledged the hard work of everyone behind the scenes in preparing for the mural installation. Expressed interest in learning more about the mural's design and the artists collaborating on the project. Thanked Mayor Dr. Galvez for being present at the meeting.*
- *Mayor Galvez – I'm excited to be here and thrilled about the collaboration between both cities for the mural installation. This is a significant project, and it wouldn't be possible without the support of Mayor Amezcua and Councilmembers. I'm looking forward to the first Expo in March, where we'll discuss the arts, culture, business, showcase products, and create economic partnerships between the two cities. I also hope Santa Ana Citizens will have the chance to visit Sahuayo in the future.*

## CONSENT CALENDAR ITEMS

1. Excused absences

**Recommended Action: Excuse absent commission member(s).**

2. Regular meeting minutes of January 16, 2025

**Recommended Action: Approve minutes.**

**Moved by Commissioner Lopez-Guerra, seconded by Commissioner Hernandez to Approve Consent Calendar items.**

**YES:** 4 – Debra Russell, Indigo Vu, Susie Lopez-Guerra, Joese Hernandez

**NO:** 0 – **ABSTAIN:** 0 – **ABSENT:** 0 – **Status:** 4 – 0 – 0 – 0 – **Pass**

**\*\*\*END OF CONSENT CALENDAR\*\*\***

## WORK STUDY SESSION

3. Sahuayo Sister City Mural – Selection of Muralists

**Minutes:** *Tram Le gave a presentation on the top two artists who will be collaborating on the mural installation. Andrea introduced the two artists from Sahuayo who will be working alongside the Santa Ana artists.*

*The Commission engaged in a discussion about selecting the two artists, including a Q&A session. The focus was emphasized on the artwork itself and the diverse representation from different regions.*

4. Discussion on the Proposed Location and Design for a Rainbow Crosswalk in Downtown Santa Ana.

**Minutes:** *Tram Le gave a presentation, and the Commission discussed the location and design of the crosswalk.*

**\*\*\*END OF WORK STUDY SESSION\*\*\***

## COMMENTS

5. Staff member comments - None
6. *Commission member comments*

### **Minutes:**

- *Vice-Chair Hernandez – Welcomed the new Commissioner and expressed excitement about having him on the Commission. Emphasized the importance of supporting local artists and expressed anticipation for the Sahuayo mural.*
- *Commissioner Lopez-Guerra – Welcomed Commissioner Ochoa and highlighted the significance of adding value to the city.*
- *Commissioner Russell – Welcomed the new commissioner and reiterated the importance of supporting local organizations, as it leads to better decisions for the Commission. Mentioned that Boca de Oro is returning to the community and stressed the responsibility in making investment decisions. Encouraged being vocal and ensuring our voices are heard.*
- *Chair Vu – Welcomed Commissioner Ochoa and shared excitement about having him on the Commission. Looked forward to hearing his perspective and echoed the sentiments about bringing communities together through art and the work being done. Expressed optimism about achieving their goals and the strategic values ahead.*

## ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Arts and Culture Commission is scheduled for March 20, 2025 at 5:30 PM.