

INGLEWOOD CALIFORNIA

ARTS COMMISSION

A meeting of the Inglewood Arts Commission was convened on March 16, 2022, via Zoom. Commissioner Metcalf called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. followed by the flag salute.

Roll Call

Present

Commissioner Jacques Lesure, Commissioner at Large
Commissioner Althea Metcalf, District One
Commissioner Phyllis Battle, District Three
Commissioner Vicki Perryman-Banks, District Four
Sabrina Barnes, Director - Parks, Recreation, and Community Services
Helen Lessick, Public Art Consultant
Stephanie Maldonado, Senior Management Assistant

Absent

Commissioner Onna Ehrlich-Bell, District Two

Public Comments

None

Approval of the Minutes

Commissioner Lesure made a motion to approve the minutes from January 19, 2022. Commissioner Battle seconded and the minutes were approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Battle, Metcalf, Lesure, and Banks

Nays: None

Special Presentation

Camille Delaney-McNeil, Director of Beckman YOLA Center, Los Angeles Philharmonic Association with CARS-LA introduced herself and Lucas Rivera. Mr. Rivera is charged with putting together a family friendly festival celebrating the Best of Inglewood that will include numerous artist workshops and stage performances. Helen Lessick asked Mr. Rivera for the date. Albert Montanez stated the festival will be held on May 14 and 15, 2022 with a tentative time of 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. We anticipate about 5,000 people each day. Ms. Delaney-McNeil stated this is an opportunity to focus on arts and culture, not settling with the traditional vendor setup or the occasional performances but incorporating interactive art workshops that people can walk up, to participate in, and take something back with them making this a unique event. Commissioner Metcalf asked what she meant by interactive. Ms. Delaney-McNeil stated for example, we are taking artist Malika Beckford and her poetry and aligning her with a live doodle artist. They will hold a live spoken word workshop that incorporates live doodling. A large community canvas will be available where the public can respond to the spoken word and create their own art. Director Barnes stated the ideas sound awesome and looks forward to seeing the concentration of artists, the energy, and the opportunity to network with the community all in one place. Commissioner Metcalf asked how is the event being

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advertised. Mr. Rivera stated there will be different forms of advertisement including the Getty's marketing, the Artists and their networks, and CARS-LA will create several social media marketing campaigns. Ms. Delaney-McNeil added there will also be an outreach to the stakeholders, YOLA families and a list of other networks. Director Barnes asked for information on how to be a part of the event to share with the public.

Staff Report

Staff presented a staff report recommending the Arts Commission recommend the City Manager approve a professional services contract with Art Care Conservation for \$35,300 to first clean and conserve the mural Parks Make Life Better by Wayne Healy, Michelle Glass, and others, at Darby Park; and then clean and conserve the mural Pathways to Success by Adwin David Brown, Chris Mercier, and youth, at Rogers Park. Helen Lessick gave a verbal report and background information regarding fine art conservation.

Commissioner Lesure made a motion to approve the staff report and Commissioner Battle seconded. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Battle, Banks, Lesure, and Metcalf
Nays: None

Staff presented a staff report recommending the Arts Commission recommend the City Manager approve a professional services contract with art conservators Sculpture Conservation Studios in the amount of \$11,970, to clean and repair the public artwork History of Transportation and the associated signage. Helen Lessick gave a verbal and visual report about History of Transportation, the largest public artwork located at Grevillea Art Park.

Commissioner Lesure made a motion to approve the staff report and Commissioner Banks seconded. The motion was approved as follows:

Ayes: Commissioners Battle, Banks, Lesure, and Metcalf
Nays: None

Verbal Reports

Helen Lessick gave a verbal report with updates regarding the following:

- Art and Culture Walking Tour Series is an educational and informational walking tour intended to introduce Inglewood residents, visitors, and businesses to the cultural heritage of the City of Inglewood. The tour series consists of six (6) planned tours online and in print format. Each tour is a one-hour walking tour exploring public art, architecture, and cultural sites. Two (2) additional series have been added and include the Downtown Market Street area and the Crenshaw Corridor. The new additions can be found on the public art web page at www.inglewoodpublicart.org/Explore. Tours to be completed are the Sports and Entertainment District, Gardens and Green Spaces, and West Beach Avenue. Commissioner Metcalf asked for clarity on what a walking tour is. Ms. Lessick stated it is a self-guided tour that shows points of interest within the

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community focusing on arts and culture. Director Barnes added a map that will guide you on a path to observe the various artwork is also available for print online.

- Rogers Park Artist in Residence (RPAIR) Project and exhibition update - the exhibition is currently up at the Inglewood Public Library located in the lobby area. The It Takes a Village quilt is complete and on display through April 2, 2022 during regular business hours. On Saturday, February 26, 2022, an event was held to meet and acknowledge the artists.

Public Comments

None

Commissioner's Comments

Helen Lessick shared information about Inglewood Artist, Ulysses Jenkins who occupied a studio in Inglewood for about 25 years. He has a show from February 6, 2022 through May 15, 2022 at the Hammer Museum located at UCLA. The event is free and a Q & A will be held tomorrow March 17, 2022. Mr. Jenkins will be in attendance.

Commissioner Battle stated everything she heard discussed tonight is exciting and is very happy to see all the wonderful things that are going on Inglewood. Commissioner Banks echoed Commissioner Battle's sentiments.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.