

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE EL SEGUNDO ARTS AND CULTURE  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2025

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Pickhaver called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Pickhaver	-	Present
Vice Chairperson Palmer	-	Present
Member Bart	-	Absent
Member Burrell	-	Present
Member Carroll	-	Absent
Member Haffley	-	Present
Member Kennedy	-	Absent (Arrived at 6:15 pm)
Member Leach	-	Absent
Member Losasso	-	Present
Member Mitchell	-	Present
Member Schepps	-	Present

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS – (Related to City Business Only – 5-minute limit per person, 30-minute limit total)

None

A. CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. MOTION by Vice Chairperson Palmer, SECONDED by Member Burrell, approving Regular and Special Committee Meeting minutes of May 27, 2025, MOTION PASSED. 7/0

B. NEW BUSINESS

2. Method Fest Film Festival Presentation

Don Franken, Director of the Method Fest Film Festival, presented the Method Fest Film Festival Presentation. Director of Recreation, Parks, and Library Aly Mancini inquired whether each activity would take place within the city, the level of sponsorship being requested, and what specific support Mr. Franken was asking from the committee. Committee members asked questions regarding the festival being currently active, if the films presented are original to the festival, and the film selection process. Member Schepps suggested the possibility of including a reference to El Segundo in its branding. Mr. Franken provided additional information.

Vice Chairperson Palmer expressed confusion about whether Mr. Franken was asking the city to serve as a host or a sponsor. Council Member Michelle Keldorf raised concerns regarding potential budget overruns related to the venue. Director Mancini recommended placing the item on a future agenda to

give Mr. Franken time to gather the necessary data for City Council review and approval. Member Schepps suggested forming a working group for the Film Festival. Chairperson Pickhaver and Member Mitchell volunteered to participate in the working group.

3. Art Walk Update (*Item moved after B5*)

Chairperson Pickhaver provided the Art Walk update on behalf of John McCullough. Vice Chairperson Palmer asked if any committee members would be interested in volunteering as informational representatives during the event. She also noted ongoing issues with vendor coordination and insurance requirements. Member Losasso inquired whether the tour vehicles had been arranged. Director Mancini provided additional information.

Member Losasso highlighted the contribution that Cali Smash is bringing to the Art Walk and mentioned the need for an AR placard for the library. Director Mancini asked whether the library would be included as a stop in this year's event, noting that last year's Cultural Arts Coordinator had expressed disappointment due to low attendance at the library, which negatively impacted the participating artists. Chairperson Pickhaver and Member Losasso provided additional information.

4. Women's Club Grant Application and Presentation

Linda Darna, President of the El Segundo Women's Club, presented the Women's Club Grant Application and Presentation requesting a grant to restore the historic Clubhouse. Member Haffley asked if they have met their overall goal and raised concerns of the amount requested being too low. Ms. Darna provided additional information.

MOTION by Member Haffley, SECONDED by Chairperson Pickhaver, approving the Women's Club Grant Application and request for funding up to \$1,000, MOTION PASSED. 7/0 (*Member Burrell recused herself from the vote due to her affiliation with the Women's Club*).

5. Plunge Mosaic Art

Recreation Supervisor of Aquatics Joseph Lormans presented the Plunge Mosaic Art presentation. Committee members asked questions regarding the mural's proposed location, whether it would be made from tile, the potential inclusion of a tribute to Coach Saari, the possibility of the site being designated a national historic place, and the primary purpose of the Plunge. Director Mancini and Recreation Supervisor Lormans provided additional information.

Committee members expressed concerns that the proposed artwork did not adequately reflect the historic significance of the Plunge and offered feedback accordingly. Council member Keldorf inquired about the specific concerns that prompted the project to be brought before the ACC. Member Haffley provided additional information.

The committee agreed that revisions should be made to designs one and three. Recreation Supervisor Lormans outlined the next steps in the process.

6. Appoint ACC Member to City's Major Events Ad Hoc Committee (*Item Moved before B3*)

Director of Community Development, Michael Allen, spoke about the Major Events Ad Hoc Committee and the appointment of an ACC member to serve on it. Member Schepps inquired about the frequency of the committee meetings. Director Allen provided additional information.

The Committee appointed Member Schepps as Primary and Chairperson Pickhaver as Alternate to the Major Events Ad Hoc Committee.

7. Debrief of Joint Meeting of DEI and ACC

Chairperson Pickhaver provided a debrief of the joint meeting between DEI and ACC. Member Mitchell expressed support for the collaboration.

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

8. Staffing Update

Director Mancini provided the staffing update noting that interviews for the Cultural Arts Coordinator position are expected to begin in three weeks. She shared that there are many applicants thus far and mentioned meeting a resident during the Ice Cream with the Director event who expressed interest in applying for the position.

D. REPORTS – BUDGET & INITIATIVE COMMITTEE

None

E. REPORTS - SUBCOMMITTEES

Member Schepps reported that the El Segundo Music Festival Subcommittee is currently on hold pending the hiring of a Cultural Arts Coordinator.

Chairperson Pickhaver announced that the next Park Renovation Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for June 26<sup>th</sup>.

F. REPORTS – RECREATIONS, PARKS, AND LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Director Mancini introduced the new Senior Administrative Specialist Vivian Gonzalez to the committee.

G. REPORTS – COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Member Schepps thanked Member Losasso for organizing the Art Walk Subcommittee meetings.

Chairperson Pickhaver announced that GUNDO Pride 2025 is scheduled for June 29<sup>th</sup> and expressed appreciation to the committee for their contributions in helping make the event possible.

H. REPORTS – COUNCIL MEMBER LIAISON

Council Member Keldorf announced the reappointment of Chairperson Pickhaver and Member Schepps.

Adjourned at 7:32 PM

*Viviann Gonzalez*

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Viviann Gonzalez, Senior Administrative Specialist