

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE EL SEGUNDO ARTS AND CULTURE
ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2025

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Pickhaver called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Pickhaver	-	Present
Vice Chairperson Palmer	-	Absent
Member Bart	-	Present
Member Burrell	-	Present
Member Carroll	-	Present
Member Haffley	-	Present
Member Kennedy	-	Present
Member Leach	-	Present
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 Member Schepps, SECONDED by Member Losasso, approving Regular Meeting minutes of June 24, 2025, MOTION PASSED. 10/0

B. NEW BUSINESS

2. Method Fest Film Festival Discussion (*Item moved after B5*)

Director of Recreation, Parks, and Library Aly Mancini led the Method Fest Film Festival Discussion. Committee members expressed concerns about the lack of clarity in film sourcing and selection, the limited connection to the local community, and challenges in securing a theater for the event. Director Mancini provided additional information. Member Kennedy pointed to budget constraints as a primary concern. Director Mancini provided additional information. The Committee agreed that they should hear from other potential film festival partners.

Member Haffley corrected a statement from the previous meeting, clarifying that he has never attended Method Fest or met Don Franken.

3. Art Walk Discussion (*Item moved before B2*)

Director of the El Segundo Art Walk John McCullough led the Art Walk discussion where he introduced Neil Von Flue, the event's Art Director. Mr. Von Flue provided background on his experience and outlined the process for selecting artists and curating artwork for the event. The Committee asked questions regarding artist placement, event safety, and updates on the Friday night kickoff event. Mr. McCullough provided additional information. Director Mancini suggested incorporating live music at the library to help attract more visitors. Member Leach suggested hosting an Art Talk as a follow-up event to further engage the community.

Mr. McCullough also introduced the idea of adding a Middle School Art Project to the event. Committee members inquired about how this project would integrate with the Art Walk. Mr. McCullough and Mr. Von Flue provided additional information. Member Burrell recommended exploring grant opportunities to support the project. Member Leach suggested the possibility of organizing a separate Youth Art Walk to showcase student artwork. Mr. McCullough provided additional information.

4. Plunge Mosaic Art

Aquatics Manager Joseph Lormans presented the Plunge Mosaic Art update. Director Mancini shared feedback from the Aquatics Subcommittee. Committee members asked questions regarding pool lane locations, intended pool usage, and which design was preferred by the Aquatics staff. Director Mancini and Aquatics Manager Lormans provided additional information. Member Bart highlighted the city's water polo history and expressed interest in incorporating more water polo elements into the design. Member Burrell asked whether the artists could render the figures in the artwork in a more abstract style. Director Mancini noted that the Aquatics Subcommittee has formed a working group focused on creating a historical display, which will offer broader representation and contextual history. Member Losasso supported Design 1, stating that it avoids issues of inclusion and race by being timeless. Chairperson Pickhaver argued that while Design 1 might suit a modern facility, it may not align with the character of the historic Plunge.

MOTION by Member Carroll, SECONDED by Member Losasso, to recommend that the City Council select Design 1 in response to the Plunge Mosaic Art RFP, MOTION PASSED. 7/3. Nays: Chairperson Pickhaver, Member Bart, and Member Leach.

5. Recreation Park Mural

Director Mancini led the Recreation Park Mural discussion, bringing the matter to the committee to gauge support for replacing the mural due to its deteriorated condition. Member Burrell asked whether the committee would have the opportunity to submit design options. Director Mancini provided additional information.

MOTION by Member Haffley, SECONDED by Chairperson Pickhaver, approving the replacement of the existing mural with a new artistic installation, MOTION PASSED. 10/0

C. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. Staffing Update

Director Mancini provided the staffing update, stating that she is in the final stages of interviews and has several strong candidates. She noted that a Cultural Arts Coordinator will be hired soon.

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.

Member Losasso shared that this year's Art Walk will feature a strong lineup of artists.

Chairperson Pickhaver announced that the next Park Renovation Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for July 24th.

F. REPORTS – RECREATIONS, PARKS, AND LIBRARY DIRECTOR

None

G. REPORTS – COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Member Burrell thanked the committee for approving the Women's Club grant.

Member Carroll announced that he will not be able to attend the Art Walk.

Member Haffley invited committee members to attend Shrek the Musical, presented by the El Segundo Youth Drama.

Member Mitchell inquired whether the committee has any input regarding architectural decisions in the city.

Member Schepps announced that he will be attending the upcoming TAC meeting.

Chairperson Pickhaver shared that he will not be able to attend the Art Walk but will participate in the Friday kickoff event. He also thanked the committee for their support of GUNDO Pride and expressed enthusiasm about expanding the event in the future.

H. REPORTS – COUNCIL MEMBER LIAISON

None

Adjourned at 7:32 PM

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