



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH CITY ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA

Newport Beach Civic Center - Council Chambers
100 Civic Center Drive, Newport Beach 92660

Thursday, August 13, 2026 - 5:00 PM

City Arts Commission Members:

Vanessa Moore, Chair
Cory Glass, Vice Chair
Heather Ignatin, Secretary
David Anastos, Commissioner
John Blom, Commissioner
Tiare Meegan, Commissioner
Laurel Tippet, Commissioner

Staff Members:

Melissa Hartson, Library Services Director
Rebecca Lightfoot, Library Services Manager
Camille Escareal-Garcia, Cultural Arts Assistant

The City Arts Commission meeting is subject to the Ralph M. Brown Act. Among other things, the Brown Act requires that the City Arts Commission agenda be posted at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of each regular meeting and that the public be allowed to comment on agenda items before the Commission and items not on the agenda but are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Arts Commission. The Chair may limit public comments to a reasonable amount of time, generally three (3) minutes per person.

The public can submit questions and comments in writing for the City Arts Commission to consider. Please send them by email to the Library Services Department at ArtsCommission@newportbeachca.gov by Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. prior to Thursday meeting to give the City Arts Commissioners time to consider your comments. All emails will be made part of the record.

The City of Newport Beach's goal is to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in all respects. If, as an attendee or a participant at this meeting, you will need special assistance beyond what is normally provided, we will attempt to accommodate you in every reasonable manner. Please contact Rebecca Lightfoot, Library Services Manager, at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the meeting to inform us of your particular needs and to determine if accommodation is feasible at (949) 717-3801 or rlightfoot@newportbeachca.gov.

NOTICE REGARDING PRESENTATIONS REQUIRING USE OF CITY EQUIPMENT

Any presentation requiring the use of the City of Newport Beach's equipment must be submitted to the Library Services Department 24 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The City provides a yellow sign-in card to assist in the preparation of the minutes. The completion of the card is not required in order to address the City Arts Commission. If the optional sign-in card has been completed, it should be placed in the tray provided.

The City Arts Commission of Newport Beach welcomes and encourages community participation. Public comments are generally limited to three (3) minutes per person to allow everyone to speak. Written comments are encouraged as well. The City Arts Commission has the discretion to extend or shorten the time limit on agenda or non-agenda items. As a courtesy, please turn cell phones off or set them in the silent mode.

V. CONSENT CALENDAR

Public comments are invited on agenda items. Speakers must limit comments to three (3) minutes. Before speaking, we invite, but do not require, you to state your name for the record. The [Board/Committee/Commission] has the discretion to extend or shorten the speakers' time limit on agenda items, provided the time limit adjustment is applied equally to all speakers. As a courtesy, please turn cell phones off or set them in the silent mode.

A. Consent Calendar Items**1. Minutes of the July 9, 2026, City Arts Commission Meeting**

[Draft of City Arts Commission 07-09-2026 Meeting Minutes](#)

2. Financial Report

Review of financial information.

[End of FY 2025-26 Financial Report](#)

[FY 2026-27 August Financial Report](#)

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS**A. Items for Review and Possible Action****3. Art to be Reframed and Placed at Marina Park and the Mariners Library**

Staff recommend the City Arts Commission review and approve the Art in Public Places Ad Hoc Subcommittee's recommendation to reframe six pieces of art for placement at Marina Park and two pieces to be reframed and placed at the Mariners Library.

[Marina Park and Mariners Library Art Reframing Staff Report](#)

[Attachment A](#)

[Attachment B](#)

4. Central Library Gallery Exhibit Additional Artwork - August 2026

The Art in Public Places Ad Hoc Subcommittee request the City Arts Commission approve the eight "Ballerina Series" paintings and reject the remaining additional submissions by artist Elena Kealy for display in the Central Library Lobby Gallery Space.

[Central Library Gallery Additional Artwork Staff Report](#)

[Attachment A](#)

5. City Poetry Contest in Conjunction with the 60th Annual Newport Beach Art Exhibition in 2027

The Music and Live Entertainment Ad Hoc Subcommittee recommends that the City Arts Commission (CAC) review, discuss, and approve their recommendation to hold a City Poetry Contest in 2027 with the winning poet(s) invited to read their poem(s) at the 60th Annual Newport Beach Art Exhibition.

[City Poetry Contest Staff Report](#)

6. Updates on Council Policy A-2 and City Plaques

Staff recommend that the City Arts Commission review and discuss City Council Policy A-2 regarding fundraising and the City's procedure regarding donor plaques for artwork.

[Council Policy A-2 and Plaques Staff Report Attachment A](#)

7. Cultural Arts Activities

Monthly review of cultural arts activities from the Library Administrative Office for upcoming Library and City arts events and services.

[July 2026 Cultural Arts Activities](#)

B. Monthly Reports

Monthly reports will be provided by active ad hoc subcommittees and the Chair will appoint subcommittee assignments.

8. Art in Public Places Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Commissioner Anastos, Commissioner Meegan

9. Art Week Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Secretary Ignatin, Chair Moore, Commissioner Tippet

10. Cultural Arts Grants Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Chair Moore, Commissioner Meegan

11. Music and Live Entertainment Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Secretary Ignatin, Chair Moore, Vice Chair Glass

12. Newport Beach Art Exhibition Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Secretary Ignatin, Chair Moore

13. Public Relations and Marketing Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Secretary Ignatin, Chair Moore, Vice Chair Glass

14. Sculpture Exhibition Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Secretary Ignatin, Commissioner Blom

15. Student Art Exhibition Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Commissioner Anastos, Commissioner Meegan, Commissioner Tippet

16. Newport Beach Arts Foundation Liaison

Chair Moore

17. Historical Resources Liaison

Commissioner Blom

VII. CITY ARTS COMMISSION ANNOUNCEMENTS OR MATTERS WHICH MEMBERS WOULD LIKE PLACED ON A FUTURE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, ACTION OR REPORT (NON-DISCUSSION ITEM)

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

Public comments are invited on non-agenda items generally considered to be within the subject matter jurisdiction of the City Arts Commission. Speakers must limit comments to three (3) minutes. Before speaking, we invite, but do not require, you to state your name for the record. The City Arts Commission has the discretion to extend or shorten the speakers' time limit on agenda or non-agenda items, provided the time limit adjustment is applied equally to all speakers. As a courtesy, please turn cell phones off or set them in the silent mode.

IX. ADJOURNMENT