



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH CITY ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA

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

Thursday, December 11, 2025 - 5:00 PM

City Arts Commission Members:

Heather Ignatin, Chair
Vanessa Moore, Vice Chair
Vacant, 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, December 10, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. 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 Melissa Hartson, Library Services Director, 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 mhartson@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

All matters listed under CONSENT CALENDAR are considered to be routine and will all be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. City Arts Commissioners have received detailed staff reports on each of the items recommending an action. There will be no separate discussion of these items prior to the time the City Arts Commission votes on the motion unless members of the City Arts Commission request specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Calendar for separate action. Members of the public who wish to discuss a Consent Calendar item should come forward to the lectern upon invitation by the Chair.

A. Consent Calendar Items

1. Minutes of the November 13, 2025, City Arts Commission Meeting

[City Arts Commission 11-13-2025 Meeting Minutes](#)

2. Financial Report

Review of financial information.

[December Financial Report](#)

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Items for Review and Possible Action

3. Historian Laureate William Lobdell

The position of Historian Laureate was created by Resolution No. 2025-24 at the May 27, 2025, City Council meeting. At the August 26, 2025, Council meeting, the Council unanimously appointed William (Bill) Lobdell as the first Newport Beach Historian Laureate.

[Historian Laureate Staff Report](#)

4. Phase X Sculpture Exhibition Online Public Poll Results

Staff recommend that the City Arts Commission review the results of the online public poll and approve ten sculptures and three to five alternates to recommend to City Council for final approval.

[Phase X Public Poll Staff Report](#)

5. Newport Beach Arts Foundation Funding Contributes 2020-2025

Staff provide a summary of funding given to the City Arts Commission by the Newport Beach Arts Foundation for the last five years.

[NBAF Funding Contributions Staff Report](#)

6. Proposal for the 59th Annual Newport Beach Art Exhibition and 2026 Art in the Park Event

Staff recommend that the City Arts Commission review and approve a proposal from the Art Exhibition Ad Hoc Subcommittee to hold the 59th Annual Newport Beach Art Exhibition.

[Art Exhibition & Art in the Park Proposal Staff Report](#)

7. Cultural Arts Activities

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

[November Activities](#)

B. Monthly Reports

8. Art in Public Places Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Commissioner Anastos, Commissioner Meegan

9. Art Week Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Chair Ignatin, Vice Chair Moore, Commissioner Tippet

10. Music and Live Entertainment Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Chair Ignatin, Vice Chair Moore

11. Cultural Arts Grants Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Vice Chair Moore, Commissioner Meegan

12. Newport Beach Art Exhibition Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Chair Ignatin, Vice Chair Moore

13. Public Relations and Marketing Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Chair Ignatin, Vice Chair Moore

14. Sculpture Exhibition Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Chair Ignatin, Commissioner Blom

15. Student Art Exhibition Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Commissioner Anastos, Commissioner Meegan, Commissioner Tippet

16. Newport Beach Arts Foundation Liaison

Vice Chair Moore

17. Historical Resources Liaison

Commissioner Blom

18. General Plan Update Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Chair Ignatin, Vice Chair Moore, Commissioner Blom

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

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