



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH CITY ARTS COMMISSION AGENDA

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

Thursday, November 13, 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, November 12, 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. PRESENTATION(S)

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 October 9, 2025, City Arts Commission Meeting

[Draft 10-09-2025 Meeting Minutes](#)

2. Financial Report

Review of financial information.

[November Financial Report](#)

VI. CURRENT BUSINESS

A. Items for Review and Possible Action

3. General Plan Update for Arts and Culture Element and Historical Resources Element

The General Plan Update Ad Hoc Subcommittee will present their recommendations and comments for the draft Arts and Culture Element and the Historical Resources Element and the Historical Resources Element of the General Plan Update.

[General Plan Ad Hoc Subcommittee Staff Report](#)

[Attachment A](#)

4. FY 2025-26 Newport Beach Cultural Arts Grants Timeline

The Cultural Arts Grants Ad Hoc Subcommittee will present their recommended timeline for the FY 2025-26 Cultural Arts Grants.

[FY 2025-26 Grants Staff Report](#)

[Attachment A](#)

5. FY 2025-26 Funding Opportunities for the Newport Beach Arts Foundation

Staff recommends the City Arts Commission approve a funding opportunity for submission to the Newport Beach Arts Foundation for FY 2025-26.

[FY 2025-26 NBAF Funding Staff Report](#)

6. Cultural Arts Activities

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

[October Activities Staff Report](#)

B. Monthly Reports

Monthly reports will be provided by active ad hoc subcommittees.

7. Art in Public Places Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Commissioner Anastos, Commissioner Meegan

8. Art Week Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Chair Ignatin, Vice Chair Moore, Commissioner Tippet

9. Cultural Arts Grants Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Vice Chair Moore, Commissioner Meegan

10. Music and Live Entertainment Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Chair Ignatin, Vanessa Moore

11. Newport Beach Art Exhibition Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Chair Ignatin, Vice Chair Moore

12. Public Relations and Marketing Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Chair Ignatin, Vice Chair Moore

13. Sculpture Exhibition Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Chair Ignatin, Commissioner Blom

14. Student Art Exhibition Ad Hoc Subcommittee

Commissioner Anastos, Commissioner Meegan, Commissioner Tippet

15. Newport Beach Arts Foundation Liaison

Vice Chair Moore

16. Historical Resources Liaison

Commissioner Blom

17. General Plan for Arts and Culture 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 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