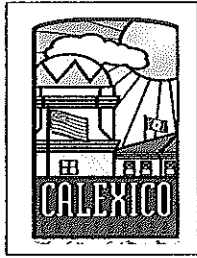


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# AGENDA STAFF REPORT

**DATE:** May 5, 2021

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**APPROVED BY:** Miguel Figueroa, City Manager *MF*

**PREPARED BY:** Norma Gerardo, Recreation Department Manager *NG*

**SUBJECT:** Ratification of Arts & Historical Commission Minutes for March 2, 2021

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**Recommendation:**

Ratification of Arts & Historical Commission Minutes for Meeting of March 2, 2021.

**Background:**

In accordance with Municipal Code Section 2.19.080 each commission shall keep a public record of its findings, determinations and recommendations. The Recreation Manager or Administrative Assistant will act as secretary to keep a proper record of the proceedings.

**Discussion & Analysis:**

Minutes for the Arts & Historical Commission for Regular Meeting of March 2, 2021 have been prepared for City Council ratification.

**Fiscal Impact:**

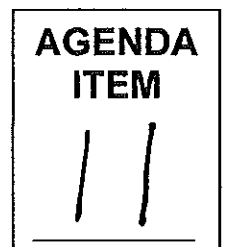
None.

**Coordinated With:**

None.

**Attachment:**

Arts & Historical Commission Minutes for meeting held on March 2, 2021.



**CITY OF CALEXICO  
ARTS AND HISTORICAL COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
March 2, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER:** Recreation Manager Norma Gerardo called the meeting to order at 5:33pm.

**FLAG SALUTE:** Commissioner Jimmy Dorantes led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ATTENDANCE:** Commissioners present: J Dorantes, R. Pacheco, C. Fitch, A. Martinez, C. Durazo  
Commissioners absent: None.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Commissioner Carlos Fitch made a motion to approve the agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jimmy Dorantes.

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:** None.

**DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Each Commissioner formally introduced themselves, providing educational background, current place of employment and previous board experience in local Imperial Valley organizations.
2. Commissioner Martinez self-nominated as Vice Chairperson. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Pacheco. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Pacheco self-nominated as Chair. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Dorantes. Motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Fitch expressed interest in the Secretary position, stating prior experience. Motion was made by Commissioner Martinez to appoint Fitch as secretary and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Dorantes. Motion passed unanimously.


**Chairperson:** Roxanna Pacheco  
**Vice Chairperson:** Alberto Martinez  
**Secretary:** Carlos Fitch

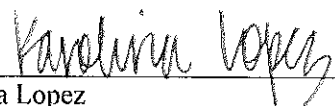
**RECREATION DEPARTMENT MANAGER REPORT:** Recreation Manager Norma Gerardo introduced herself to the Commissioners. She initially covered the important topic of the Carmen Durazo Cultural Arts Center budget and staffing. She also spoke regarding creating Bylaws for the Commission since none exist due to it being a newly formed commission. Thirdly, she explained what has been happening at the Cultural Arts Center since the Covid-19 closures. She explained that with the generosity of the Calexico Arts Council, the center has been able to provide classes free to charge to children and adults in the community. The Calexico Arts Council have also assisted in providing material for various virtual art exhibits that have had participants from as far as Czech Republic. Lastly, she informed the commissioners of the various social media platforms that have been created for the center.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

3. Recreation Manager Gerardo informed Commissioners about the upcoming video release of the Women in the Arts Exhibit on March 8, 2021. Where twenty-two local women artists participated for a total of 85 art pieces ranging from digital photography, acrylic painting and sculptures.
4. Ms. Gerardo also informed Commissioners about the upcoming It's a Lego World Exhibit taking place on April 30, 2021. This will be an inclusive program for all ages. The registration deadline will be April 12, 2021 and participants can begin dropping off their Lego entries on April 12-13. It was also noted that visual art and electronic submissions would also be permitted for this exhibit.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chairperson Pacheco adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

  
Chairperson

Attest:   
Karolina Lopez