



**ARTS COMMISSION**

Monday, November 28, 2022  
Council Chambers  
505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651  
5:00 P.M.

**- A G E N D A -**

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Minutes
- 3) Chair's Announcements (Wood)
- 4) Commissioner, Council and Staff Communications
- 5) Public Communications - *To assist the Arts Commission in the timely completion of its business, speakers are asked to limit their presentation to three minutes or less.*
- 6) Items for Discussion and Action:
  - A. **2022 Children's Holiday Palette Exhibition**– Discuss and approve twelve designs for exhibition at City Hall during December 2022. (Staff: McGregor)
  - B. **Alta Laguna Park Temporary Mural** – Discuss and approve a student/community led temporary mural on the dug-out wall at Alta Laguna Park. (Staff: Bichler)
- 7) Adjournment

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cc: City Manager  
City Clerk  
Council Liaison Mayor Kempf  
Assistant City Manager

Post through November 29, 2022



## LAGUNA BEACH ARTS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Monday, November 14, 2022

Council Chambers

505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651

5:00 p.m.

### Recap of Minutes

**PRESENT:** **Commissioners:** Donna Ballard, Suzi Chauvel, Michael Ervin, Pat Kollenda, and Karen Wood. **Council:** Mayor Sue Kempf. **Absent:** Laura Ford and Adam Schwerner

**STAFF:** Sian Poeschl, Cultural Arts Manager, Michael McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator, and Jamie Bichler, Public Art Coordinator

- 1) Karen Wood called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) Minutes of the October 24, 2022, meeting were approved as presented. M/S Kollenda/Chauvel.
- 3) **Chair's Announcements:** Karen Wood noted attending the Juried Fine Art artist reception and a meeting with the Youth Art Advisory Board.
- 4) **Commissioner and Staff Communications:** Michael Ervin noted attending the Laguna Beach Arts Alliance meeting on November 11, 2022, and changes to the annual Art Stars Awards event. Staff Poeschl clarified information from an opinion piece published through local news regarding a temporary public art proposal from the Laguna Art Museum. Staff noted the proposal was withdrawn prior to review by the Arts Commission. Staff McGregor noted the Juried Fine Art artist reception and awards ceremony was held November 3, 2022, and congratulated winners Melody Nunez, Josie Weber, Ellen Rose, Evan Cespedes, Joan Gladstone, and Thom Wright. Staff noted Cultural Arts staff would be decorating the City's holiday tree at the Sawdust Festival Winter Fantasy on Friday, November 18, 2022, and invited Commissioners to attend. Staff noted Luce Puppet Company would be performing at the Heisler Park Amphitheater on Sunday, November 20, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to celebrate World Children's Day. Staff noted the deadline to participate in the Children's Holiday Palette exhibition was Monday, November 21, 2022. Staff Bichler noted the restoration of public art sculpture "Sea Breeze" and filming the installation of the Holiday Palettes to create a promotional video for the program.
- 5) **Cultural Arts Funding Grant Presentations:** LagunaTunes Community Chorus performed a song thanking the Arts Commission and noting their hosted events. Patti Jo Kiraly presented on behalf of LagunaTunes regarding how Cultural Arts Funding Grant money was used. Joy Dittberner presented on behalf of Laguna Dance Festival regarding how Cultural Arts Funding Grant money was used. Tom Lamb and Celeste Gilles presented on behalf of Laguna Plein Air Painters Association regarding how Cultural Arts Funding Grant money was used.
- 6) **Public Communications:** None.

7) Items for Discussion and Action:

- A) **2023 City Hall Exhibition Schedule** – Staff McGregor presented the 2023 exhibition schedule for the first-floor hallway gallery at City Hall. A motion was made to approve the schedule as presented. M/S Kollenda/Chauvel. Yeas: Ballard, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Wood. Noes: None.
- B) **World AIDS Day** – Staff McGregor noted that ribbons and informational cards are placed on public art sculptures each year on December 1 to commemorate World AIDS Day. A motion was made to approve the informational card language and the installation of ribbons on the public art sculptures M/S Kollenda/Chauvel. Yeas: Ballard, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Wood. Noes: None.
- C) **Temporary Public Art Installation** – Staff Bichler presented the proposal for a temporary installation of the sculpture “Polymery” by artist Taylor Dean Harrison, on the front lawn of City Hall, from February through April 2023. A motion was made to approve the installation as presented, at a cost not to exceed \$25,000 from the Temporary Sculpture budget, with dates subject to changes approved by staff. M/S Chauvel/Kollenda. Yeas: Ballard, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Wood. Noes: None.
- D) **Relocation of Artist Designed Bench** – Staff Poeschl noted that the artist-designed bench “Streamline” by Larry Gil and Gavin Heath, had been made inaccessible by the installation of temporary dining decks. Staff noted meeting with Public Works, Community Development, and the artists to relocate the bench to a suitable location at the corner of Beach Street and Ocean Avenue, replacing an existing City-owned bench. Staff noted the relocation would include cleaning and restoration of the bench sculpture and would require an Administrative Design Review. A motion was made to take the following actions: 1) Approve relocation of the bench “Streamline” as presented; 2) Approve a budget of up to \$5,000 for restoration and repair of the sculpture; 3) Approve a budget not to exceed \$5,000 for site preparations and associated miscellaneous costs funded from the Arts Commission Special Programs budget. M/S Kollenda/Chauvel. Yeas: Ballard, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Wood. Noes: None.

8) Adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

cc: City Manager, City Clerk, Mayor Kempf, Assistant City Manager

**City of Laguna Beach  
Cultural Arts Department  
Staff Report**

**To:** Arts Commission  
**From:** Mike McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator  
**Agenda Item:** A  
**Title:** 2022 Children’s Holiday Palette Exhibition  
**Location:** City Hall, 505 Forest Avenue

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**Overview**

The City of Laguna Beach holds an annual exhibition for Holiday Palettes designed by local children ages 5 to 17 years old. All submitted designs have been reviewed by the Banner and Palette subcommittee and are available to view online at:

<https://www.lagunabeachcity.net/home/showdocument?id=13626&t=638046994663990132>

**Summary of the Matter**

The Youth Art Advisory Board and Palette Subcommittee have reviewed all designs and may provide a verbal recommendation. The Commission may select up to twelve designs. The selected designs will be mounted on small wood palettes and displayed at City Hall through December. The selected artists will be recognized with a presentation of certificates at the City Council meeting on December 13, 2022.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended the Arts Commission approve up to twelve designs for recognition by City Council and display at City Hall.

**City of Laguna Beach  
Cultural Arts Department  
Staff Report**

**To:** Arts Commission  
**From:** Jamie Bichler, Public Arts Coordinator  
**Agenda Item:** B  
**Title:** Alta Laguna Park Temporary Mural  
**Location:** Alta Laguna Park, Laguna Beach, CA

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**Overview**

Alta Laguna Park is a community resource that includes baseball, basketball, tennis courts, a children's playground, hiking trails, restrooms, and a dedicated parking lot. A blank wall is located behind the baseball/soccer field dugout created of concrete block. The wall measures 35' feet long by 7'10", tapering to 7'. The Arts Commission has approved this site to install temporary murals on exhibit for up to 12 months.

On November 14, 2022, the Youth Art Advisory Committee met with Karen Wood, Pat Kollenda, and Staff to discuss options for a temporary mural. The Youth Art Advisory Committee recommended working with Jamie Kough, the Laguna Beach High School Arts teacher, to facilitate a design competition that a group of High School students could execute under Ms. Kough's direction. Recently Ms. Kough facilitated two group mural projects with her students, one for the Coast Film Festival and one for the Sawdust Art Festival.

Staff Poeschl and Bichler met with Ms. Kough on November 22, 2022, to discuss implementing a Laguna Beach student led mural. Ms. Kough noted the State of California's implementation of the Career Technical Education Pathways (CTE) an after school program that prepares students for college and providing industry specific skills and knowledge. Ms. Kough recommended the Alta Laguna temporary project follow the Arts, Media, and Entertainment standards.

Staff will provide a verbal update report at the meeting pertaining to dates, budget and implementation.

**Recommendation**

The Youth Art Advisory Committee and Staff recommends that Arts Commission approve the concept and partnership with Ms. Kough to execute a temporary mural installation as described. If approved Staff will obtain all necessary permits and approvals to facilitate the program.

Attachments: Exhibit A and B

Exhibit A



35' long by 7'10" on the left, tapering to 7' on the right



**Exhibit B**  
**Coast Film Festival Student Mural**



**Winter Fantasy Sawdust Student Mural**

