

**CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH
MINUTES OF THE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

June 15, 2026

Location: Manhattan Beach City Council Chambers

Hybrid (in-person/Zoom)

1400 Highland Avenue, Manhattan Beach, CA 90266

A. CALL TO ORDER

4:00 pm - Chair Karger called meeting to order.

B. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

C. ROLL CALL

Present: (7), Huang, Karger, Tokashiki, Rosenberg, Torrey, Vice Chair Colmey, Chair Patterson

Absent: (0)

Staff present: Senior Recreation Supervisor (SRS) Eric Brinkman, Senior Management Analyst (SMA) Linda Robb, Recording Secretary Rosemary Lackow

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was moved and seconded (Tokashiki /Karger) to approve, no changes. Motion passed 7-0 by roll call.

E. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Cultural Arts Commission Minutes - Regular Meeting: May 18, 2026

It was moved and seconded (Karger/Tokashiki) to approve, no changes; motion passed 6-0-1 (Rosenberg abstain).

F. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

G. GENERAL BUSINESS

2. Cultural Arts Commission Work Plan 2026/2027. SRS Brinkman gave brief overviews; each committee provided progress reports.

a. New Art Initiatives

- i. Public Art Brochure (Karger, Tokashiki, Colmey) Commissioner Karger stated there was no new information; the committee decided that no brochure or map changes will be recommended until after next art walk. Action: committee will work with staff to determine applicable printing/design costs.
- ii. Poet Laureate (Patterson, Karger, Torrey) Chair Patterson reported committee hopes to take a CAC recommendation to city council in September.
- iii. Olympics and related art projects (Colmey, Karger, Tokashiki) Vice Chair Colmey reported: the committee will meet this week.

- b. Memorial for the Fallen (Tokashiki, Torrey, Karger): SRS Brinkman updated: in proposal phase, he has met with 3 shortlisted artists; timeframe: mid-August proposals due; in September, Commission to review proposals. Selection process will mirror that for Bruce's Beach: APPC (input) → CC → refer to CAC (recommendation) → CC for final selection.
- c. Public Art Master Plan Revision (PAMPR) (Rosenberg, Colmey): Commissioner Rosenberg reported with input from SRS Brinkman: community meeting to be held July 2: the question for the public: what should the City's public art portfolio look like? Community input will activate at 6/21 Juneteenth event; commissioners encouraged to attend. Action item: SRS Brinkman to send a timeline of public meetings to the commission.
- d. Bruce's Beach Public Artwork (Karger, Patterson) SRS Brinkman and Chair Patterson updated: still in contract phase, fabrication has begun. Its notable that after the next (July) meeting, there will be a big gap of time until the following meeting in September because the meeting in August will be cancelled.

Chair Patterson called for public comment on the Work Plan items – no comments received.

H. STAFF ITEMS

Cultural Arts Division updates (2027): SRS Brinkman announced:

- Juneteenth events for Sunday, June 21 – Polliwog Park (ceremony cancelled at Bruce's Beach)
- MBAC summer workshops & activities (printmaking, raku, kids day camp etc.)
- MBAC exhibit: "Ritual" ends June 28.
- Concerts in Park: starts 7/5 America's 250th birthday theme (flyover, Satin Dolls headliner, etc.)
- Shakespeare in the Park (Polliwog) July 16, 17; no ticket is required- free public event.

PATF budget update: SRS Brinkman updated: Public Art Trust Fund has not changed: balance of about \$1.6 million, about \$1 million allocated and about \$600 thousand unallocated.

City Council updates: annual budget approved at last council meeting.

I. COMMISSION ITEMS –

Commissioner Tokashiki suggested taking the new "waverider" service to events in Polliwog Park.

Chair Patterson welcomed new student Commissioner Geneva Huang who self-introduced: she is a rising senior at Mira Costa, involved in orchestra, and enjoys being an art docent at DTLA Union Station. Chair Patterson will discuss sub-committees with Commissioner Huang.

J. ADJOURNMENT

At 4:37 pm Commissioner Rosenberg moved to adjourn, seconded by Karger, to July 20, 2026 at 4:00 pm; motion passed 7-0 voice vote.