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**Arts and Culture
Committee:**

Co-Chairperson: Masha Dowell
Co-Chairperson: Harout Aristakessian
Committee Members:
Reina Cerros McCaughey
Juliet Schwarz
Steve Sommers

Arts & Culture Committee

MEETING AGENDA

DATE: July 17, 2025

TIME: 6:30 PM

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82161783308>

Meeting ID: 821 6178 3308

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(i) If the Arts and Culture Committee provides a timed public comment period for each agenda item shall not close the public comment period for the agenda item, or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph, to provide public comment until that timed public comment period has elapsed.

(ii) If the Arts and Culture Committee does not provide a timed public comment period, but takes public comment separately on each agenda item, shall allow a reasonable amount of time per agenda item to allow public members the opportunity to provide public comment, including time for members of the public to register pursuant to subparagraph (D), or otherwise be recognized for the purpose of providing public comment.

(iii) If the Arts and Culture Committee provides a timed general public comment period that does not correspond to a specific agenda item shall not close the public comment period or the opportunity to register, pursuant to subparagraph (D), until the timed general public comment period has elapsed.

Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

All comments are limited to 2 minutes per speaker, unless adjusted by the presiding chair of the committee.

1. Call to Order.

2. Roll call of members: Co-Chair - Masha Dowell, Co-Chair Harout Aristakessian, Committee members: Reina Cerris- McCaughey, Juliet Schwarz, Steve Sommers

3. Public Announcements by city officials and representatives: (2) minutes per speaker.

4. Stakeholder Public Comment Period (on items NOT on the agenda): (1) minute per speaker.

Items for discussion and possible action:

Item No. 1

For discussion and possible action (5 Mins):

Review meeting minutes from April 2025 - Masha Dowell

Item No. 2

For discussion (15 Mins):

Recap of fiscal year 2024-2025 accomplishments - Masha Dowell

Comprehensive review of the Arts & Culture Committee's achievements during the 2024-2025 fiscal year:

- Committee founding in June 2024 with Steve, Reina, and Masha
- Holiday lights project proposal (\$1400) - committee's first successful board approval
- MPTF NPG approval for senior art classes (\$400)
- Cultural posts leadership via main council's social media platforms
- Art Walk meetings with Councilmember Blumenfield's office and Erin Stone Reseda Rising presentation (February 2025)
- Meeting with Los Angeles arts and theatre leaders for potential collaborations (March 2025)
- Introduction to Calico arts school owner and community event discussions
- Committee growth from 3 to nearly 5 members plus new pending board member and stakeholder
- Cross-committee collaboration with Julie Waltrip and Joyce Fletcher on holiday lights project
- Addition of Harout as co-chair

Item No. 3

For discussion and possible action (15 Mins)

Vote to take the Calico arts education community event to the board - Juliet Schwarz

Motion to approve taking the Calico arts education community event proposal to the full board with a funding request of \$200. Committee will discuss event details and vote on board recommendation. Roll Call Vote

Item No. 4

For discussion and possible action (15 Mins)

Close out MPTF NPG agreement and schedule tour - Harout Aristakessian

Discussion to finalize the Motion Picture Television Fund NPG agreement and select 3-5 available dates for the committee tour. Roll Call Vote

Item No. 5

For discussion and possible action (20 Mins):

Decide on our 5 initiatives for 2025-2026 - Masha Dowell & Harout Aristakessian

Committee will discuss and vote on five key initiatives for the upcoming fiscal year to guide the committee's focus and resource allocation. Roll Call Vote

Next Meeting: The next meeting will take place via Zoom on August 21, 2025 at 6:30 PM

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