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**Arts and Culture
Committee:**

Chairperson: Masha Dowell
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Jayce Baron
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**Arts & Culture Committee
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA**

DATE: October 1, 2024

TIME: 12:00 PM

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.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: Chair - Masha Dowell; Committee members: Jayce Baron, Reina Cerris- McCaughey, 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.

5. Approval of Committee Minutes: August 21, 2024

Items for Discussion and Possible Action:

ITEM No. 1: Review Budget for 2024 Holiday Lights Installation

- Review tentative project proposal and budget (see attached proposal)

ITEM No. 2: Approve Budget for 2024 Holiday Lights Installation

- Review tentative project proposal and budget

Next Meeting: The next meeting will take place via Zoom on Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

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Proposal: Holiday Solar Lights Installation on Ventura Boulevard

Project Overview

The Arts and Culture Committee proposes installing solar-powered lights along Ventura Boulevard, from Winnetka Avenue to De Soto Avenue, for the 2024 holiday season. This project aims to enhance our community's cultural celebration through sustainable and festive lighting.

Location

Ventura Boulevard, from Winnetka Avenue to De Soto Avenue

Project Goals

1. Enhance the community's holiday experience through festive lighting
2. Promote sustainability with solar-powered installations
3. Create a unifying cultural element along Ventura Boulevard
4. Foster community engagement through a cultural installation ceremony
5. Strengthen inter-committee collaboration

Budget Request and Materials

The Arts and Culture Committee requests a budget of \$1,500 USD for materials.

Proposed mix of solar lights (total \$1,494.75):

- 10 strands Brightech string lights: \$699.90
- 3 Sunforce motion lights: \$359.97
- 5 packs LITOM spotlights: \$199.95
- 3 packs Aootek sensor lights: \$155.97
- 2 packs SOLPEX ground lights: \$65.98

Note: This budget covers only the cost of materials. Installation costs are not included.

Cross-Committee Involvement

This project presents an opportunity for collaboration across multiple committees:

- Arts and Culture Committee: Lead organizer, oversees cultural aspects
- Community Service Committee: Agreed to assist with installation
- Environmental and Beautification Committee: Collaboration on sustainable design and placement to enhance street aesthetics while promoting environmental benefits
- Public Safety Committee: Consultation on lighting placement for improved street safety

We welcome input and participation from all committees to make this a truly community-wide initiative.

Community Involvement

- We propose a "Lighting Ceremony" to mark the installation's commencement, celebrating our community's diverse holiday traditions.
- Local businesses along Ventura Boulevard will be invited to participate and potentially extend the lighting to their storefronts.

Timeline

- Planning and Procurement: October-November 2024
- Installation: Early December 2024
- Lighting Ceremony: Early December 2024 (date TBD)

- Lights Display: Throughout the holiday season
- Removal: Early January 2025

Cultural Significance

While the installation will be simple, it represents our community's unity in celebration. The proposed Lighting Ceremony offers an opportunity to showcase our cultural diversity, potentially featuring:

- Brief speeches from community leaders
- A symbolic "switching on" of the lights
- Small cultural performances or readings

Conclusion

This solar light installation will contribute to our community's holiday spirit while promoting sustainability and inter-committee collaboration. The project aligns with both cultural enrichment and environmental stewardship, thanks to the involvement of the Environmental and Beautification Committee. The addition of a cultural ceremony elevates this project beyond mere decoration, making it a true celebration of our community's arts, culture, and unity. We respectfully request approval of this proposal to bring light and community spirit to Ventura Boulevard this holiday season.