

Arts & First Thursday Ad hoc committee 11/5/2020

Committee formed from approximately 12 in attendance

Committee members

George Wyotovich

Ron Linden

Ray Carofano

John Stinson

James Preston Allen elected chair

Discussion on the future of First Thursday topics of discussion included

- Timing of opening related to COVID 19 rates and LA County guidelines
- How do we gradually open up First Thursday in the future? Perhaps with curated tours with limited numbers of people 10-12 for guided tours. Have a pre-fix dinner connected to these tours and Limit the number and placement of food trucks so that they are distant from brick and mortar restaurants to encourage support for our struggling restaurants.
- Reopening will depend on the LA County guidelines however, the mission of this committee needs to be the advance planning of how to reopen First Thursday as an Art Walk event in cooperation with all of the various players who contribute to it while keeping the focus on the visual arts and to add a second night that would focus on more of a live entertainment night.

The San Pedro Chamber of Commerce was in attendance and was supportive of the artists taking the lead on this event and offering to be supportive.