



Civic Arts Commission

INFORMATION CALENDAR
November 12, 2024

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
 From: Civic Arts Commission
 Submitted by: Dana Blecher, Chairperson, Civic Arts Commission
 Subject: Civic Arts Commission Final FY25 Work Plan

INTRODUCTION

The Civic Arts Commission has updated its work plan, which outlines Commission objectives for Fiscal Year 2025 (FY25) based upon goals articulated in the *City of Berkeley Arts & Culture Plan (2018 - 2027 Update)* and reflective of previously initiated projects that are already under way. This work plan includes a variety of objectives in three civic arts areas: Policy, Grants, and Public Art.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

At its regular meeting on September 26, 2024, the Civic Arts Commission approved the final FY25 Civic Arts Commission Work Plan, which is used to guide the Commission's work throughout the year.

Action Item: Approval of Final FY25 Civic Arts Commission Work Plan

M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Ibarra) to approve Final FY25 Civic Arts Commission Work Plan.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ibarra, Pineda, Woo;
 Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Crandall.

Public Comment: None

BACKGROUND

See attached work plan.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no environmental sustainability or climate impacts identified as a result of this plan.

POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

Based on Commission research, public meetings, and new initiatives other additional recommendations to City Council may be submitted to City Council at such time deemed necessary.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF POSSIBLE FUTURE ACTION

No fiscal impacts determined at this time.

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Attachment: 1: Final FY25 Civic Arts Commission Work Plan



Final Civic Arts Commission FY25 Work Plan

Approved September 25, 2024 Civic Arts Commission

Policy Subcommittee

1. Continue participation with staff and in consultation with the Housing Advisory Commission to advise on the development of policies and initiatives to create affordable housing for Artists and Cultural Workers in the City of Berkeley culminating in a referral response to City Council and advocacy to fund resulting affordable housing programs.
2. Advocate for the designation of an arts district in West Berkeley.

Grants Subcommittee

1. Advocate year-round to Council for increased funding allocations for the Community Festivals Grants and the Capital Projects Grants.
2. Pending approval of a potential Arts Funding Ballot Measure, participate with staff in development of new Arts Funding Grant categories and provide oversight on the implementation of that program.

Public Art Subcommittee

1. Participate with staff and a consultant in the development of a Public Art Strategic Plan for the City of Berkeley with input from the community and other stakeholders, which will provide a framework for developing new public art projects, funding for community-initiated public art projects, and evaluation of Council referrals for public art, as well as updating the Public Art Guidelines and other City Policies to reflect best practices.
2. Complete backlog of public art projects identified in previous fiscal years (Attachment 1) and the Public Art Strategic Plan before initiating new public art projects for implementation by Civic Arts staff.
3. Contingent on obtaining funding, review an impact fee nexus study and evaluate possible amendments to the Public Art in Private Development Ordinance.

**Attachment 1: List of Public Art Projects Included in Previous Fiscal Years (FY19 – FY24)
Work Plans and Council Referrals**

Active (Listed Alphabetically):

1. Aquatic Park tile wall
2. BART Plaza Sound Installation (Ongoing programming and equipment repair)
3. Framed Art Purchases for City Buildings
4. Home sculpture de-installation
5. Homelessness Social Practice: Daniel Freeman Project
6. Homelessness Social Practice: Deirdre Weinberg Project
7. Homelessness Social Practice: Sue Mark Project
8. Jean LaMarr sculptural seating and grinding rock at Ohlone Park
9. Lara Kaur artwork at West Service Center
10. Measure T-1: MLK Youth Service Center
11. Measure T-1: Willard Clubhouse
12. Municipal Artists in Residence with Planning
13. Peace Wall Conservation
14. Po Shu Wang Signage and Bell
15. Re-installation of Romare Bearden artwork
16. Turtle Island Monument
17. Utility Box Mural Program (Assessment and Implementation of Recommendations)
18. William Wareham sculpture conservation and reinstallation

Not Started (Listed in Prioritized Order):

1. Eric Powell Gates Conservation
2. Santa Fe Right of Way Park
3. Dona Spring Memorial (Council Referral)
4. Measure T-1: South Berkeley Senior Center (Building project not yet started)
5. Measure T-1: African American Health Resource Center (Building project not yet started)
6. Aquatic Park sculpture
7. City Flag, Song, and Motto (Council Referral)
8. Hidden Gems: Berkeley Hills Stairways
9. Mural Commemorating Black Lives Matter Movement
10. Telegraph Avenue Public Art Project
11. Telegraph Crosswalk Murals (Council Referral)
12. Harrison Street Corridor Project
13. Replacement Mural for Center for Independent Living (Council Referral)
14. Family Friendly Art (Council Referral)