



Civic Arts Commission Meeting
Wednesday, April 23, 2025
6:00 PM

Meeting Location: Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch Library
1901 Russell St, Berkeley, CA 94703

Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

Jonathan Bachrach, District 1
Dana Blecher (Vice Chair), District 6
Lisa Bullwinkel, District 4
Modesto Covarrubias, District 7
Eduardo Pineda, District 5
Sean Vaughn Scott, District 3
Cameron Woo (Chair), District 2
Vacancy, District 8
Vacancy, Mayor

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The City of Berkeley recognizes that the community we live in was built on the territory of Huchiun (*Hooch-yoon*), the ancestral and unceded land of the Chochenyo (*Cho-chen-yo*) speaking Ohlone (*Oh-low-nee*) people, the ancestors and descendants of the sovereign Verona (*Vuh-roh-nuh*) Band of Alameda County. This land was and continues to be of great importance to all of the Ohlone Tribes and descendants of the Verona Band. We acknowledge and honor the original inhabitants of Berkeley, the documented 5,000-year history of a vibrant community at the West Berkeley Shellmound, and the Ohlone people who continue to reside in the East Bay. We recognize that Berkeley residents have and continue to benefit from the use and occupation of this unceded stolen land since the City of Berkeley incorporation in 1878. As stewards of the laws regulating the City of Berkeley, it is not only vital that we recognize the history of this land, but also recognize that the Ohlone people are present members of Berkeley and other East Bay communities today. The City of Berkeley will continue to build relationships with the Lisjan (*Lih-Shawn*) Tribe and create meaningful actions that uphold the intention of this Land Acknowledgement

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (for items not on the agenda)

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a) Update on City's budget
- b) FY26 City Budget process and Commission budget requests:
 - i. Poet Laureate Program Funding (\$25,000) May 20 Council Meeting
 - ii. Festival Grant allocation differential (~\$42,000) June 17 Council Meeting
- c) Discussion about informing Council Members and showing up to Council Meetings
- d) Developing talking points

6. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS (All items for presentation, discussion and possible action)

- a) **Action Item:** Budget Referral Request for Community Festival Grant Allocation Differential (15 minutes)
Presented by Cameron Woo, Chair (Attachment 1)
Recommendation: Approval of Budget Referral Request for an increased budget allocation of \$41,685 for Festival Grants to bring the allocation for these grants to \$200,000 in FY26.
Public Comment

- b) **Discussion Item:** Review Civic Arts Commission FY25 Work Plan and begin Discussing FY26 Work Plan (15 minutes)
Introduced by Cameron Woo, Chair (Attachment 2)
Public Comment

- c) **Report:** Civic Arts Grants-funded Community Festivals Quarterly Report (5 minutes)
Presented by Hilary Amnah, Grants Program Lead (Attachment 3)
Public Comment

- d) **Report:** Public Art on Private Development Quarterly Report (5 minutes)
Introduced by Jennifer Lovvorn, Chief Cultural Affairs Officer (Attachment 4)
Public Comment

7. STAFF REPORT

- a) Civic Arts Program Updates, Jen Lovvorn (5 minutes)

- b) Grants Program Updates, Hilary Amnah (5 minutes)

- c) Public Art Program Updates, Mark Salinas (5 minutes)

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants

- Dana Blecher, Chair
- Lisa Bullwinkel
- Cameron Woo

b) Public Art

- Modesto Covarrubias, Chair
- Jonathan Bachrach
- Eduardo Pineda

c) Policy Subcommittee

- Lisa Bullwinkel, Chair
- Dana Blecher
- Cameron Woo

d) Joint Subcommittee with Housing Advisory Commission

- Cameron Woo, Chair
- Sean Vaughn Scott

e) Representative on Design Review Committee

- Cameron Woo

9. COMMUNICATION (Received from the Public for Items not on the Agenda)

- a) None

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Draft Minutes of March 26, 2025 Meeting (Attachment 5)

From: Commission Secretary

Recommendation: Approval of March 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Public Comment

11. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT

Attachments:

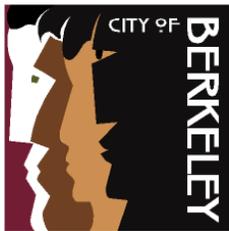
1. Budget Referral Request for Community Festival Grant Allocation Differential
2. Civic Arts Commission FY25 Work Plan
3. Community Festivals Quarterly Report
4. Public Art on Private Development Quarterly Report
5. Draft March 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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Civic Arts Commission

CONSENT CALENDAR

June 17, 2025

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Civic Arts Commission

Submitted by: Cameron Woo, Chairperson, Civic Arts Commission

Subject: Civic Arts Commission Funding Request for Festival Grants Allocation Differential of 41,685 in FY26

RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the City's Budget Process an increased budget allocation of \$41,685 for Festival Grants to bring the allocation for these grants to \$200,000 in FY26.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The fiscal impact of the recommendation is \$41,685 from the General Fund in FY26.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The baseline budget allocation for Festival Grants in FY26 is \$158,315. Every year since FY22, the differential amount to bring the total allocation for this grant category to \$200,000 has been added by the Mayor during the budget process. For FY26, the Civic Arts Commission is requesting \$41,685 to bring the allocation for Festival Grants to \$200,000.

BACKGROUND

Prior to FY20 there was no formal grant program available to festival producers, resulting in unequal and nontransparent distribution of festival funding through direct budget allocations by Council to approximately 15 to 17 festivals annually. Although the City of Berkeley supported several high quality and beneficial festivals, the lack of a formal grants program created an uneven playing field.

In 2019, a Community Festival Grants program was established for FY20, when the City reallocated the funds (\$158,315) that had been historically provided directly to 17 festivals. That year the Civic Arts Program administered the first annual Community Festival Grant program with the budget allocation of \$158,315. Due to the pandemic, the allocation in FY21 was reduced to \$80,000, which allowed some festivals to pivot to virtual formats. In FY22 the baseline allocation of \$158,315 for Festival Grants was restored and the Mayor added funds during the budgeting process to bring the total Festival Grants allocation to \$200,000. Every fiscal year since, the baseline budget

includes an allocation of \$158,315 for Festival Grants, which has later been increased during the budgeting process to \$200,000.

Because of the uncertainty of the budget allocation for Community Festivals every year, it requires that the Civic Arts Commission approve two funding scenarios for proposed awards: one for a \$200,000 Festival Grants allocation, and a second for a \$158,315 allocation. For FY25 the *Community Festivals* category received 43 applications, a 16% increase over the last cycle which had 37 applications. In the last couple years, approximately 30 to 36 dynamic Berkeley festivals have been funded through this program.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects, climate impacts, or sustainability opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Civic Arts Commission requests that the City Council allocate an additional \$41,685 for Festival Grants to bring the allocation for these grants to \$200,000 in FY26. The Civic Arts Commission understands that this is a difficult budget cycle, and that the decisions before you are challenging. However, \$41,685 is a small request relative to the overall budget. This additional investment on the part of the City that can have a huge impact to the ability of festival producers to cover the increased costs of doing business in this current inflationary economic climate. Festivals are an important part of the economic and social infrastructure that makes our city a great place to live, work, and visit.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

None.

CIVIC ARTS COMMISSION APPROVAL

The Civic Arts Commission took the following action at their regular meeting on April 23, 2025:

M/S/C (x/x) to approve the Budget Referral Request for an increased budget allocation of \$41,685 for Festival Grants to bring the allocation for these grants to \$200,000 in Fiscal Year 2026.

Vote: Ayes — ; Nays —; Abstain —; Absent —.

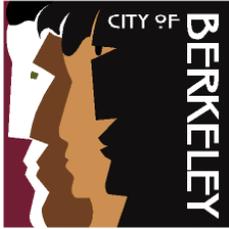
CITY MANAGER

The City Manager takes no position on this budget referral request.

CONTACT PERSON

Jennifer Lovvorn, Secretary, Civic Arts Commission, (510) 981-7533

Attachments: None



Civic Arts Commission

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)

FY25 Grant-Funded Community Festivals: May 2025 - June 2025

Festival	Description	Start Date	Website	District(s)
Berkeley Festival of Choro 2025	The festival will feature a main event at the Freight and Salvage and a free community jam session and student concert.	5/12/2025	www.berkeleychoro.com	District 4 District 1 District 6
Annual Contemporary Performance Diasporas Festival	Theater, dance, spoken-word, and music covering contemporary issues, such as gender, race, sex, religion and the environment.	5/17/2025	https://infernotheatre.org	District 1
Berkeley Poetry Festival	Berkeley Poetry Festival is the host of the yearly Lifetime Achievement Award Ceremony and several poetry and Interdisciplinary events.	6/1/2025	https://www.berkeleypoetryfestival.com/	District 4 District 7 District 3
East Bay Open Studios (EBOS) Berkeley	EBOS is a free, family-friendly, self-guided tour of artist venues ranging from galleries, studios and other exhibition spaces throughout Berkeley.	6/7/2025	https://eastbayopenstudios.com/	District 1 District 2 District 3 District 4 District 5 District 6 District 7 District 8
6th Annual California Native Ways - California Indian Arts & Culture Festival	The 6th California Native Ways Festival, Saturday, June 7th, 2025, features 60 California Indian traditional cultural artisans / demonstrators / performers / vendors in Ohlone Park.	6/7/2025	https://californiaican.org/	District 1
11th Annual Bay Area Book Festival	Premier annual literary festival featuring acclaimed and emerging authors in talks/panels/book signings; free book giveaways; youth programs; Outdoor Fair/Literary Marketplace	6/7/2025	https://www.baybookfest.org/	District 4
Berkeley Juneteenth Festival	For over 36 years, the Berkeley Juneteenth Festival has been held annually on Father's Day in June, in South Berkeley.	6/15/2025	https://berkeleyjuneteenth.org/	District 3
La Peña Summer Tianguis and Community Block Party	This family friendly block party featuring music, food, and crafts celebrates BIPOC, and immigrant artists/vendors from the Bay Area.	6/28/2025	https://lapena.org/	District 8
Family Empowerment Conference	Celebrating Black Children with Disabilities	7/26/2025	https://familyresourcenavigators.org/	District 3

PUBLIC ART ON PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT			Date: 4/15/2025															
Fiscal Year	Project Address	Project Street	Type	On-Site Art Value	On-Site Art Admin 5% Fee	In-Lieu Fee Payment Amount	Date Paid	Fee Waived: State Density Bonus Concession Amount	On-Site Art	In-Lieu Fee	Fee Waived	Cumulative Totals: Number of On-site Art Projects	Cumulative Totals: Value of On-site Art Projects	Cumulative Totals: Number In-Lieu Fees	Cumulative Totals: Total In-Lieu Fees	Cumulative Totals: Number Fee Waived	Cumulative Totals: Total Amount Fees Waived	
FY19	1717	University	On-Site Art - Final Art Plan Approved							1								
	1950	Addison	On-Site Art - Final Art Plan Approved	\$252,682.00						1								
	2120	Berkeley	On-Site Art - Final Art Plan Approved	\$60,000.00						1								
	2124	BANCROFT	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$60,186.58	8/4/2017			1								
	2029	BLAKE	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$126,400.00	8/7/2017			1								
				\$312,682.00	\$0.00	\$186,586.58				3	2	3	\$312,682.00	2	\$0.00			
FY20	2503	HASTE	On-Site Art Plan approved & Admin Fee Paid	\$328,460.28	\$16,423.01		3/1/2019			1								
	2510	CHANNING	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$106,664.00	4/17/2019			1								
	2621	TENTH	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$84,000.00	5/17/2019			1								
	739	CHANNING	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$20,388.00	5/23/2019			1								
	2580	Bancroft	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$235,569.89	6/27/2019 for FY20			1								
				\$328,460.28	\$16,423.01	\$446,621.89				1	4	4	\$641,142.28	6	\$463,044.90			
FY21	2628	SHATTUCK	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$88,879.00	9/3/2019			1								
	999	ANTHONY	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$25,200.00	12/18/2019			1								
	2100	SAN PABLO	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$144,000.00	2/21/2020			1								
	2072	Addison	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$74,936.00	2/24/2020			1								
	2452	Durant	On-Site Art - Final Art Plan Approved	\$42,185.00						1								
	2556	TELEGRAPH	On-Site Art Plan approved & Admin Fee Paid	\$103,722.50	\$5,186.13		5/20/2020			1								
	2028	BANCROFT	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$48,000.00	8/27/2020			1								
				\$145,907.50	\$5,186.13	\$381,015.00				2	5	6	\$787,049.78	11	\$849,246.03			
FY22	2229	FOURTH/2222 5th Street	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$17,360.21	5/26/2021			1								
				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$17,360.21				0	1	6	\$787,049.78	12	\$866,606.24			
FY23	Bayer Annual Payment FY23		Community Benefit Agreement			\$60,000.00	6/30/2023											
	3000	SAN PABLO	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$72,329.13	9/22/2021			1								
	2176	Kittredge (Same Project)	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$236,792.00	11/3/2021			1								
	2176	Kittredge (Same Project)	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$49,748.00	12/23/2021			1								
	2025	Kala Bagal Way	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$31,002.00	11/19/2021			1								
	600	Addison	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$1,414,578.00	12/21/2021			1								
	2352	Shattuck (Combo Art and Fee)	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$230,166.07	1/25/2022			1								
	2352	Shattuck (Combo Art and Fee)	On-Site Art Plan approved & Admin Fee Paid	\$425,250.00	\$21,262.50		1/25/2022			1								
	2902	ADELINE	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$80,000.00	4/11/2022			1								
	2000	Dwight	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$115,625.00	4/13/2022			1								
	2701	SHATTUCK	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$37,352.90	6/21/2022			1								
	2099	MLK	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$103,304.58	6/23/2022			1								
				\$425,250.00	\$21,262.50	\$2,430,897.68				1	9	7	\$1,212,299.78	21	\$3,318,766.42			
FY24	Bayer Annual Payment FY24		Community Benefit Agreement			\$62,424.00	9/30/2023											
	1951	SHATTUCK	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$480,000.00	7/19/2022			1								
	2000	University	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$41,388.52	7/20/2022			1								
	1331	ASHBY	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$7,040.00	7/21/2022			1								
	787	BANCROFT	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$164,905.22	9/20/2022			1								
	2213	Fourth	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$96,000.00	9/20/2022			1								
	2650	TELEGRAPH	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$46,278.00	9/22/2022			1								
				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$898,035.74		\$0.00	0	6	0	7	\$1,212,299.78	27	\$4,216,802.16	0	\$0.00	
FY25	Bayer Annual Payment FY25		Community Benefit Agreement			\$63,672.00	not yet paid											
	2067	University	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$36,711.74	7/13/2023			1								
	2434	SAN PABLO	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$9,600.00	9/28/2023			1								
	1773	Oxford	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$30,548.77	10/2/2023			1								
	2590	BANCROFT	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$110,964.00	10/24/2023			1								
	2317	Channing	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$23,274.81	11/7/2023			1								
	2403	SAN PABLO	On-Site Art Plan approved & Admin Fee Paid	\$134,714.00	\$6,735.70		5/1/2024			1								
	2555	College	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$13,115.15	5/9/2024			1								
	2480	Bancroft	Fee Waived: State Density Bonus Concession				5/1/2023	\$61,443.11			1							
	1950	Shattuck	Fee Waived: State Density Bonus Concession				3/12/2024	\$896,273.24			1							
	2109	Milvia	Fee Waived: State Density Bonus Concession				3/12/2024	\$116,289.58			1							
	2037	Durant	Fee Waived: State Density Bonus Concession				5/21/2024				1							
	2680	BANCROFT (2660 - 2680 Bancroft)	Fee Waived: State Density Bonus Concession				6/25/2024	\$42,567.00			1							
	2036	BANCROFT	Fee Waived: State Density Bonus Concession				6/25/2024				1							
	2276	Shattuck	Fee Waived: State Density Bonus Concession				6/3/2024	\$214,031.16			1							
				\$134,714.00	\$6,735.70	\$287,886.47		\$1,330,604.09		1	6	7	8	\$1,347,013.78	33	\$4,511,424.33	7	\$1,330,604.09
FY26	Bayer Annual Payment FY26		Community Benefit Agreement				not yet paid											
	2127	Dwight (2127-2159)	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$125,476.26	7/1/2024			1								
	3030	TELEGRAPH	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$156,056.16	7/1/2024			1								
	2128	Oxford (2132-2154 Center)	Fee Waived: State Density Bonus Concession				8/13/2024	\$917,163.00			1							
	2538	Durant	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$132,000.00	9/12/2024			1								
	2587	Telegraph	In-Lieu Fee Paid			\$139,044.00	9/12/2024			1								
	2425	Durant	Fee Waived: State Density Bonus				12/11/2024	\$287,787.81			1							
				\$0.00	\$0.00	\$552,576.42		\$1,204,950.81		0	4	2	8	\$1,347,013.78	37	\$5,064,000.75	9	\$2,535,554.90
In Progress	600 - 626	Bancroft	TBD															
	742	Grayson	In-Lieu Fee			\$314,637.06				1								
	805	Jones	On-Site Art (5% Admin Fee)	\$9,712.50	\$485.63					1								
	1110	University	On-Site Art (5% Admin Fee)	\$175,000.00						1								
	1155 (-1173)	Hearst	In-Lieu Fee				No Declaration Yet											
	1200 (-1214)	SAN PABLO	In-Lieu Fee			\$66,166.54	Not yet paid/This FY or next											
	1201	SAN PABLO	In-Lieu Fee			\$65,789.48				1								
	1207	TENTH	On-Site Art (5% Admin Fee)	\$56,039.00						1								
	1367	University	In-Lieu Fee (20% for Admin)			\$7,651.19				1								
	1598	University	In-Lieu Fee (20% for Admin)			\$106,658.34				1								
	1650	Alcatraz				not compliant												
	1650	SHATTUCK				\$32,000.00				1								
	1652	University	In-Lieu Fee			\$29,939.27				1								
	1740	SAN PABLO				not compliant												
	1750	Sacramento (NB BART TOD)	On-Site Art (5% Admin Fee)	\$1,578,938.09	\$78,946.90					1								
	1752	Shattuck	In-Lieu Fee (20% for Admin)			\$73,218.48				1								
	1773	Oxford	In-Lieu Fee (20% for Admin)			\$30,548.77				1								
	1790	University	In-Lieu Fee (20% for Admin)			\$39,286.00				1								
	1822	San Pablo				not compliant												
	1835	SAN PABLO	In-Lieu Fee			\$94,198.00	Not yet paid			1								
	1900	FOURTH	In-Lieu Fee			\$560,000.00	Not yet paid			1								
	1914	Fifth	In-Lieu Fee			\$24,385.86				1								
	2001	ASHBY				no applic- not complaint												



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Civic Arts Commission
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Agenda

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 PM**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
Commissioners Present: Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Pineda, Scott, Woo
Commissioners Absent: Covarrubias
Staff Present: Hilary Amnah, Grants Program Lead; Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary/Chief Cultural Affairs Officer; Mark Salinas, Public Art Program Lead
Members of the public present: 1
- 3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT** (for items not on the agenda): 1
- 5. CHAIR'S REPORT**
 - a) Chair's goals
- 6. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**
 - a) **Action Item:** Budget Referral Request for Poet Laureate Program FY26 and FY27
M/S/C (Blecher/Bullwinkel) to approve Budget Referral Request for Poet Laureate Program for FY26 and FY27.
Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Pineda, Scott, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Covarrubias.

Public Comment: None

- b) **Action Item:** Annual approval of Subcommittees and Subcommittee members **M/S/C** (Blecher/Pineda) to approve Subcommittees and Subcommittee members for March 2025 – February 2026.

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

Public Comment: None

- c) **Action Item:** Extension of Joint Subcommittee on Affordable Housing for Artists through June 30, 2025
M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Blecher) to approve the extension of Joint Subcommittee with the Housing Advisory Commission on Affordable Housing for Artists through June 30, 2025.

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

Public Comment: None

- d) **Discussion Item:** Commissioner Mentorship and Council Visits

Public Comment: None

7. STAFF REPORTS

- a) Civic Arts Program Updates, Jen Lovvorn
- b) Grants Program Updates, Hilary Amnah
- c) Public Art Program Updates, Mark Salinas

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants – No Report
- b) Public Art – No Report
- c) Policy Subcommittee – Met to discuss Council ranked referrals and how to create a cultural district in an official capacity.
- d) Joint Subcommittee with Housing Advisory Commission – Met to discuss goals for policy document to be produced by Joint Subcommittee.
- e) Representative on Design Review Committee – Reviewed one preliminary project.

9. COMMUNICATION:

- a) Letter from Alastair Boone, Director, Street Spirit

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Action Item: Draft February Meeting Minutes.

M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Pineda) to approve Final February 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

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

Public Comment: None

11. ADJOURNMENT: 7:23 PM

M/S/C (Blecher/Pineda) to adjourn.

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

Public Comment: None

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