



**Civic Arts Commission
Policy Subcommittee
Friday, May 8, 2026
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Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

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. DISCUSSION ITEMS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION

- a) Policy Subcommittee FY 2027 Workplan

6. ADJOURNMENT

Attachments:

- 1. FY 2026 Civic Arts Commission Workplan

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Civic Arts Commission

Civic Arts Commission FY26 Work Plan (July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026)

6/25/2025 Civic Arts Commission meeting

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 report to Council with recommendations related to affordable housing for the arts and culture sector.
2. In response to Council Referral, develop and send to Council a cohesive policy for the establishment of any new Cultural Arts Districts and revision to the existing Cultural Arts Districts to bring them into alignment with the new policy.
3. Advocate for the designation of a Cultural Arts District in West Berkeley.
4. Advise on application to the California Arts Council for a State-designated Cultural Arts District in the City of Berkeley.

Grants Subcommittee

1. Advocate to Council for the restoration of the Community Festivals grant funding level back up to \$200,000.
2. Review and develop Civic Arts guidelines for Arts Programs, Community Festivals, General Operating Support, and Individual Artist Projects grant categories for the FY27 grant cycle with Civic Arts staff; make final guidelines recommendations to Civic Arts Commission.
3. Review funding scenarios for grant awards based on scores, number of applicants, and available funding; make final grant funding recommendations to Civic Arts Commission.

Public Art Subcommittee

1. Participate with Civic Arts staff and a consultant in the development of a *Public Art Strategic Plan* for the City of Berkeley. The Plan will outline the steps, strategies, and actions required to shape, reinforce, or transform the Civic Arts Public Art Program. The Plan will include strategies to stabilize and sustain the Public Art Program to better serve the community and will recommend best practices, policy updates, and project prioritization. The Plan will build on the Background of previous policy achievements and planning efforts adopted by City Council.
2. Review and approve completion of *List of Public Art Projects Included in Previous Fiscal Years (FY19 – FY25) Work Plans and Council Referrals (Attachment 1)* and the *Public Art Strategic Plan* before recommending new public art projects for implementation.
3. Review and approve public art projects at required development milestones.

Attachment 1: List of Public Art Projects Included in Previous Fiscal Years (FY19 – FY25) Work Plans and Council Referrals

Active (Listed Alphabetically):

1. Aquatic Park tile wall COMPLETION IN 2026
2. BART Plaza Sound Installation (Ongoing programming and equipment repair)
3. Framed Art Purchases for City Buildings COMPLETION IN 2025
4. Home sculpture de-installation COMPLETION IN 2026
5. Jean LaMarr sculptural seating and grinding rock at Ohlone Park COMPLETION IN 2026
6. Lara Kaur artwork at West Service Center COMPLETION IN 2025
7. Measure T-1: MLK Youth Service Center COMPLETION IN 2027
8. Measure T-1: Willard Clubhouse COMPLETION IN 2026
9. Peace Wall Conservation COMPLETION IN 2025
10. Po Shu Wang Signage and Bell COMPLETION IN 2025
11. Re-installation of Romare Bearden artwork COMPLETION IN 2026
12. Turtle Island Monument
13. Utility Box Mural Program (Assessment and Implementation of Recommendations)
14. William Wareham sculpture conservation and reinstallation COMPLETION IN 2026

Not Started (Listed in Prioritized Order):

1. Eric Powell Gates Conservation COMPLETION IN 2026
2. Santa Fe Right of Way Park COMPLETION IN 2027
3. Dona Spring Memorial (Council Referral)
4. Measure T-1: South Berkeley Senior Center COMPLETION IN 2028
5. Measure T-1: African American Health Resource Center COMPLETION IN 2028
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)
15. Upcoming: Transfer Station Replacement
16. Upcoming Dreamland Park
17. Upcoming Waterfront Ferry Terminal