



## **Civic Arts Commission Special Meeting**

**Sunday, September 15, 2024**

**10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**

**Meeting Location: Shorebird Nature Center**

**160 University Ave, Berkeley, CA 94710**

Parking available in the parking lot near 199 Seawall Drive Berkeley, CA 94710

### **Agenda**

**1. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:** Commission Chair Dana Blecher

**2. ROLL CALL (10:05 AM)**

Kim Anno, Mayor

Jonathan Bachrach, District 1

Dana Blecher (Chair), District 6

Lisa Bullwinkel, District 4

Modesto Covarrubias, District 7

Kathleen Crandall, District 8

Cristina Ibarra, District 3

Eduardo Pineda, District 5

Cameron Woo (Vice Chair), District 2

**3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT (10:10 AM)**

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) (10:15 AM)

**5. ICEBREAKER – *What early arts experience had an impact on who you are today?***  
**Commissioners and Staff**

a) **Breakout groups of two and interview partner** (10:20 – 10:30 AM)

Jen Lovvorn & Jonathan Bachrach  
Mark Salinas & Modesto Covarrubias  
Hilary Amnah & Cristina Ibarra  
Eduardo Pineda & Lisa Bullwinkel  
Kathleen Crandall & Dana Blecher  
Kim Anno & Cameron Woo

b) **Interview Report Outs** (10:30 – 11:00 AM)

**6. CHARTING OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Group Visual Note Taking Activity** (11:00 AM – Noon)

There will be craft paper on the wall and lots of markers. Commissioners and staff will contribute to the creation of a word-infused pictographic extravaganza of recent Civic Arts accomplishments – big and small!

**7. WORKING LUNCH – Laying the groundwork for training: Commissioners and Staff**

a) **Breakout groups of three**

- Jen Lovvorn & Kathleen Crandall & Cameron Woo
- Mark Salinas & Eduardo Pineda & Lisa Bullwinkel
- Hilary Amnah & Dana Blecher & Modesto Covarrubias
- Cristina Ibarra & Jonathan Bachrach & Kim Anno

b) **Discuss your interest in Civic Arts – Pick a recorder/reporter** (Noon – 12:45 PM)

c) **Group Report Outs** (12:45 – 1:15 PM)

**8. BREAK & STRETCH** (1:15 – 1:30 PM)

**9. DISCUSSION & TRAINING: (1:30 – 2:30 PM)**

**How does the Civic Arts Commission actually get things done?** Commission Chair to facilitate a conversation that illustrates and explains the process (and challenges) of getting things done as a Commission of the City of Berkeley.

**Format: Background on Issue, Group Sharing & Open Discussion on Current and Upcoming Initiatives – what advocacy tools does the Commission use?**

- Nexus Study Budget Referral Request advocacy (September 24 Council Meeting) – Background Cameron Woo
- Arts Districts, especially West Berkeley Arts District – Background Cameron Woo, Lisa Bullwinkel, and Hilary Amnah.
- Affordable Housing (Joint Subcommittee work and more) – Background Kim Anno
- Arts Funding Ballot Measure for 2026? (Arts organizations are taking the lead, Role for Commission?) – Background Lisa Bullwinkel
- Upcoming Public Art Strategic Planning Process – Background Mark Salinas
- Upcoming Economic Impact Study – Background Jen Lovvorn
- Arts & Culture Plan 2018 – 2017 (In 2025, we need to start thinking about how we'll fund the next plan – in that process we can look at Mission, Values, Cultural Equity Statement.) Background Kim Anno and Jen Lovvorn
- Anything else?

**10. REFLECTION: Commissioners and Staff (2:30 – 3 PM)** Group photo

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

**Attachments:** None

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