



**DRAFT MINUTES
CIVIC ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, June 24, 2026
6:00 PM**

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

Commission Members:

Chair Montgomery, Vice Chair Bachrach, Commissioner Woo, Commissioner Vaughn Scott,
Commissioner Bullwinkel, Commissioner Pineda, Commissioner Blecher,
Commissioner Truc-Dao Kramer, Commissioner Dutta- Choudhury

Call to Order: 6:07 PM

Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury,
Montgomery, Truc-Dao Kramer, Woo

Commissioners Absent: Pineda (LoA), Scott

Staff Present: Carianna Arredondo, Assistant to the City Manager, Mark Salinas,
Public Art Program Lead, Hilary Amnah, Grants Program Lead, David White,
Deputy City Manager

General Public Present: 4

Land Acknowledgement, led by Commissioner Kramer

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 1

Chairperson's Report, discussed city budget process.

Commission Action Items

1. Action Item: Cube Space Exhibition

M/S/C (Bullwinkel/ Dutta-Choudhury) to approve the Approve Abiam Alvarez for
the July 27 to October 16, 2026 Cube Space Exhibition.

Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Kramer, Montgomery, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Pineda (LoA), Scott.

Public Comment: 1

2. Action: Civic Arts Commission 2026 Meeting Schedule

M/S/C (Blecher/Kramer) move to approve revisions to the remaining 2026 Civic Arts Commission meeting schedule as recommended by staff, while retaining the October 28, 2026 date.

Vote: Ayes: — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Kramer, Montgomery, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Pineda (LoA), Scott.

Public Comment: 0

3. Action: Civic Arts Commission FY 27 Work Plan

M/S/C (Montgomery/ Woo) to approve the Civic Arts Commission FY27 Work Plan

Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Kramer, Montgomery, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Pineda (LoA), Scott.

Public Comment: 0

4. Action: Civic Arts Commission Memo FY27 – FY28 Civic Arts Budget Recommendations

M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Blecher) to not transmit memo to City Council and to direct the Grants Subcommittee to rework materials for use as part of education campaign.

Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Kramer, Montgomery, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Pineda (LoA), Scott.

Public Comment: 1

Presentations

5. Presentation Items Held:

5a - 5b: FY 2026 and FY 2027 Civic Arts Budget Staffing and Program Information

Public Comment: 0

Information Items and Updates

6. Grants, Public Art and Civic Arts Programs Updates Received:

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

Committee Updates

7. Grants, Public Art, and Policy Subcommittee Updates Received:

- a) Grants – Meeting next month to go over funding scenarios and awarding.
- b) Public Art –Workplan complete, discussed current and upcoming Cube Space Exhibits.
- c) Policy Subcommittee – Workplan complete.
- d) Representative on Design Review Committee – Discussed 2128 Oxford Street “Hub at Berkeley” Development.

Items for Future Agendas

These items are not scheduled for discussion or action at this meeting. The Commission may schedule these items to the Action Calendar of a future Commission meeting.

- None

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Commissions consideration and approval.

8. Minutes of May 20, 2026

M/S/C (Montgomery/ Bullwinkel) to approve Draft Minutes of May 20, 2026, Meeting

Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Kramer, Montgomery, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Pineda (LoA), Scott.

Public Comment: 0

Commissioner Announcements

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM by unanimous consent.

Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Kramer, Montgomery, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Pineda (LoA), Scott.

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