



**DRAFT MINUTES
CIVIC ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
Wednesday, August 26, 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: 6:02 PM

Roll Call

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

Staff Present: Carianna Arredondo, Assistant to the City Manager, Mark Salinas,
Public Art Program Lead

General Public Present: 2 in-person | 2 online

Land Acknowledgement, led by Commissioner Pineda

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: 2

Chairperson's Report, discussed that they were briefed by the Secretary on
subcommittee meetings

Commission Action Items

- 1. Action Item: City of Berkeley Arts Resiliency Study and Plan t**
M/S/C (Montgomery/ Bullwinkel) to synthesize commissioner feedback and work with
staff to update the plan, highlight any updates made, and have updated plan for review
at the next commission meeting
Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Kramer, Montgomery,
Scott, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None

Public Comment: 2

2. **Cube Space Exhibition October 2026 to January 2027: Lena Coletto**
M/S/C (Blecher/Woo) to approve the Cube Space Exhibition featuring Lena Coletto on display from October 2026 to January 2027
Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Kramer, Montgomery, Pineda, Scott, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None
Public Comment: 0

Presentations and Discussion Items

Presentation Items Held:

3. **Update on 2403 San Pablo Avenue Public Art on Private Development**
Public Comment: 0
4. **Looking Forward at the Civic Arts programs in Berkeley**
Public Comment: 0

Information Items and Updates

5. **Grants, Public Art and Civic Arts Programs Updates Received:**
 - a) Grants Program Updates, Carianna Arredondo (on behalf of staff)
 - b) Public Art Program Updates, Mark Salinas
 - c) Civic Arts Program Updates, Carianna Arredondo

Committee Updates

6. **Grants, Public Art, and Policy Subcommittee Updates Received:**
 - a) Grants – Added Commissioner Kramer to Grants Subcommittee
 - b) Public Art – No Major Updates
 - c) Policy Subcommittee – No Major Updates
 - d) Representative on Design Review Committee – No Major Updates

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.

- Adding an Action item to put together an Artist Housing Subcommittee
- Adding a standing discussion item for Looking Forward at the Civic Arts programs in Berkeley

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Commissions consideration and approval.

7. **Minutes of June 24, 2026**
M/S/C (Montgomery/ Blecher) to approve Draft Minutes of July 22, 2026, Meeting

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

Public Comment: 0

Commissioner Announcements

- None

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:16 PM by unanimous consent.

Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Kramer, Montgomery, Scott, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None

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