



MINUTES
CIVIC ARTS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, September 22, 2026
6:00 PM

Meeting Location: Cypress Conference Room
2180 Milvia Street, First Floor, Berkeley, CA 94704

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: 6:01 PM

Roll Call

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

Commissioners Absent: Bullwinkel (LoA), Kramer (LoA), Scott

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

General Public Present: 3 in-person | 1 online

Land Acknowledgement, led by Chair Montgomery

Public Comment on Non-Agenda Matters: None taken, Special Meeting

Chairperson's Report, reported on his discussion with Berkeley Repertory Theatre regarding Measure Y, potential staffing and administrative needs, and the proposed Commission memo accompanying the Arts and Culture Sector Resiliency Plan

Commission Action Items

1. **Action Item: Recommendation of Artist for the Santa Fe Public Art Project M/S/C** (Dutta-Choudhury/ Pineda) to approve the Selection Panel and the Public Art Subcommittee's recommendation of Adrien Segal's proposal, Murmur Nest, for the Santa Fe Right-of-Way Public Art Project.

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

Public Comment: 1

2. Berkeley Arts and Culture Sector Resiliency Plan: Recommendation to City Council

M/S/C (Dutta-Choudhury/Blecher) for Chair Montgomery to continue working on and refining the memo and bring it back at the December Commission meeting, with support from Commissioner Woo.

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

Public Comment: 0

3. Artist Affordable Housing Work Group

M/S/C (Blecher/ Dutta-Choudhury) to appoint Commissioners Woo, Pineda, and Chair Montgomery to the Artist Affordable Housing Work Group Subcommittee.

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

Public Comment: 0

Presentations and Discussion Items

Presentation Items Held:

4. Dyson + Womack Public Art Strategic Plan Presentation

Public Comment: 0

5. Mokhtar Paki Sinbad's Voyage Mural Update

Public Comment: 0

6. Civic Arts Program: Vision and Strategy

Public Comment: 0

Information Items and Updates

7. 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

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

- a) Grants – A debrief and review of next year's guidelines need to be scheduled.

- b) Public Art – The subcommittee highlighted the October 3 Santa Fe trackbed-to-park milestone celebration and ongoing project work.
- c) Policy Subcommittee – No recent meeting; a meeting needs to be scheduled.
- d) Representative on Design Review Committee – Commissioner Dutta-Choudhury reported on advisory review of a proposed freeway digital billboard and related removal of existing billboards.

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.

- No additional items were requested during this portion of the meeting.

Minutes for Approval

Draft minutes for the Commissions consideration and approval.

9. Minutes of August 26, 2026

M/S/C (Montgomery/ Bachrach) to approve Draft Minutes of July 22, 2026, Meeting

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

Public Comment: 0

Commissioner Announcements

An exhibition at the Magnes Collection was announced.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM by unanimous consent.

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