



Civic Arts Commission
Office of Economic Development

MINUTES
Civic Arts Commission Meeting
Wednesday, January 27, 2021
6:00 PM

No physical location; meeting held exclusively through videoconference and teleconference.

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:01 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhési, Ozol, Passmore, Rodriguez, Slattery

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary/Chief Cultural Affairs Officer and Chrystal O'Malley, Civic Arts Analyst.

Members of the public in attendance: 9

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (for items not on the agenda)

2 speakers

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) December 9, 2020 Draft Minutes

Action: M/S/C (Blecher/Ozol) to approve the December 9, 2020 Minutes.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhési, Ozol, Passmore, Rodriguez, Slattery; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — None.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

a) Chair welcomed two new Commissioners (Riti Dhési and Joshua Sifuentes Rodriguez).

- b) Chair announced reminder about Commission Chair and Vice Chair elections in February.

6. **PRESENTATIONS and DISCUSSION**

- a) **William Byron Rumford Statue** – Recent incidents of masks and other objects being placed on the statue. Discussion with artist Dana King and community members.
- b) **BART Plaza Sound Installations** – Discussion with Downtown Berkeley Association and merchants.
- c) **FY21 Work Plan Discussion** – Deadline to finalize FY21 Work Plan is February 2021.

7. **ACTION ITEMS** (All items for discussion and possible action)

a) **Muralist for James Kenney Park**

Action: M/S/C (Ozol/ Covarrubias) to approve Rachel Wolfe-Goldsmith as the muralist for James Kenny Park.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Rodriguez, Slattery; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent —None.

b) **Panelists for FY22 Civic Arts Grant Application Reviews**

Action: M/S/C (Anno/Ozol) to approve FY22 Civic Arts Grant Panelist selection.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Rodriguez, Slattery; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent —None.

c) **Guidelines for Berkeley Art Works Project Grants**

Action: M/S/C (Anno/Passmore) to approve Berkeley Art Works Project Grants.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Rodriguez, Slattery; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent —None.

d) **Guidelines for Berkeley Art Works Microgrants**

Action: M/S/C (Anno/Passmore) to approve Berkeley Art Works Microgrants.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Rodriguez, Slattery; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent —None.

8. **STAFF REPORT**

- a) Public Art on Private Development Quarterly Update
- b) Civic Arts-Funded Festivals Quarterly Report

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants—Met on January 21 to discuss the annual work plan and FY22 grant panelist selection. Met on January 27 to finalize the Berkeley Art Works Projects grant guidelines.
 - John Slattery, Chair
 - Kim Anno
 - Lisa Bullwinkel

- b) Policy—Met on January 14 to discuss annual work plan and edibility for Berkeley Art Works Project.
 - Kim Anno, Chair
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Liz Ozol
 - Joshua Sifuentes Rodriguez added to this committee

- c) Public Art—Met on January 15 to discuss annual work plan and most items on today’s agenda.
 - Matt Passmore, Chair
 - Kim Anno
 - Dana Blecher
 - Modesto Covarrubias

- d) Berkeley Cultural Trust Representative
 - Lisa Bullwinkel

- e) Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee Representative
 - Liz Ozol
 - Riti Dhesi added to this committee

- f) Design Review—Still meeting monthly and a lot of new projects coming into the City. The Civic Arts Commission will see more on site art projects or in lieu fees.
 - Modesto Covarrubias

- g) Civic Center Vision Subcommittee—Met on January 25 to discuss the annual work plan.
 - Dana Blecher
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Liz Ozol

10. COMMUNICATION

- a) Civic Arts Commission letter sent to Council regarding Veterans Building
- b) Communication from Carolyn Moore regarding Rumford statue agenda item

11. ADJOURNMENT Adjourn 8:01 PM

Action: M/S/C (Covarrubias /Ozol) to adjourn commission meeting.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Rodriguez, Slattery; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent —None.

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