



Civic Arts Commission

Meeting Minutes
Civic Arts Commission
Wednesday, January 28, 2026
6:00 PM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:01PM

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Kramer, Montgomery, Pineda, Woo

Absent: Dutta-Choudhury, Scott

Staff: Cari Arrendondo, Assistant to the City Manager; Mark Salinas, Public Art Program Lead

Public: None

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5. COMMUNICATION: None

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a) Chair transition planning – Chair and Vice Chair elections at February meeting.

7. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

- a) **Presentation Item:** City of Berkeley 2026-2027 Poet Laureate: Hanan Masri
Public Comment: None

- b) **Action Item:** Masako Miki – Design Development
M/S/C (Woo/Bullwinkle) to approve of Masako Miki Design Development phase.
Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Kramer, Montgomery, Pineda, Woo
Nays — None; Absent — Dutta-Choudhury, Scott; Abstain — None.
Public Comment: 1

- c) **Action Item:** Sorell Raino-Tsui – Design and Construction Development
M/S/C (Pineda/Woo) to approve of Sorell Raino-Tsui Design and Construction Development phase.
Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Kramer, Montgomery, Pineda, Woo
Nays — None; Absent — Dutta-Choudhury, Scott; Abstain — None.
Public Comment: 1

- d) **Action Item:** Event Producers Policy Recommendations
M/S/C (Montgomery/Woo) to approve that the Event Producers Policy Recommendations be forwarded to Council by staff.
Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Kramer, Montgomery, Pineda, Woo
Nays — None; Absent — Dutta-Choudhury, Scott; Abstain — None.
Public Comment: 1

- e) **Discussion Item:** Turtle Island Monument Update
Public Comment: 1

- f) **Discussion Item:** City of Berkeley Poet Laureate Program
Public Comment: None

- g) **Presentation Item:** Private Percent for Art Quarterly Report
Public Comment: None

8. STAFF REPORT

- a) Public Art Program Updates, Mark Salinas
- b) Civic Arts Program Updates, Carianna Arredondo

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants – None
- b) Public Art – New show at Cube Space
- c) Policy Subcommittee – Commissioner Kramer to join
- d) Representative on Design Review Committee – Commissioner Bachrach or Dutta-Choudhury may join

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Draft Minutes of December 03, 2025 Meeting
M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Pineda) to approve Draft Minutes of December 03, 2025 Meeting.
Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Kramer, Montgomery, Pineda, Woo
Nays — None; Absent — Dutta-Choudhury, Scott; Abstain — None.
Public Comment: None

11. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT: 8:05pm

a) **M/S/C** (Bullwinkel/Bachrach) to adjourn.

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

Public Comment: None

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