



Civic Arts Commission  
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## Minutes Civic Arts Commission

Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch Library, 1901 Russell St., Berkeley, CA 94703

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 6:04 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL**  
**Commissioners Present:** Blecher, Bullwinkel, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Slattery  
Commissioner Anno arrived at 6:23 p.m.  
**Commissioners Absent:** Covarrubias, Tamano  
**Staff Present:** Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary & Chief Cultural Affairs and Mara Engelson, Civic Arts Analyst.
3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**  
No Speakers
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a) **September 25, 2019 Draft Minutes (Attachment 1)**  
**Action:** M/S/C (Ozol/Ross) to approve September 25, 2019 Draft Minutes.  
**Vote:** Ayes – Blecher, Bullwinkel, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Slattery;  
Nays – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Covarrubias, Tamano.
5. **CHAIRS REPORT**
  - a) The Chair reported on the October 29 Council Agenda: Referral to the Civic Arts Commission to develop a grant program available for the arts and cultural organizations to support retaining and improving creative spaces for artists.
  - b) The Chair stated that Council will be deciding how the FY19 revenues from Short Term Rentals will be allocated at their meeting on November 19, 2019.
  - c) The Chair suggested that the Commission send an Information Report to Council to explain the new grant making process that is currently being employed for awarding of the Civic Arts Grants. She stated that the process has professionalized over the last year and there is a need to communicate that to Council. The Information Report will be included on an upcoming Commission agenda for discussion and approval.



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

- a) **Affordable Housing for Artists and Cultural Workers – Advocacy Efforts and Letter of Support for Affordable Housing Framework.**  
**Action:** M/S/C (Anno/Slattery) to approve letter with stated changes.  
**Vote:** Ayes – Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Slattery; Nays – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Covarrubias, Tamano.
- b) **Discuss Artist Certification for Affordable Housing (Attachment 2)**  
**Action:** M/S/C (Referred to Policy Committee)
- c) **Discuss John Hinkel Park Amphitheater**  
**Action:** M/S/C (Tabled to next meeting)
- d) **Approve Civic Art Grants Guidelines for FY21 (Attachment 3)**  
**Action:** M/S/C (Blecher/Slattery) to approve with changes to score penalty for late submission of final reports taken off total score.  
**Vote:** Ayes – Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Slattery; Nays – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Covarrubias, Tamano.
- e) **Approve Selected Artist and Proposal for San Pablo Park**  
**Action:** M/S/C (Anno/Blecher) to approve the panel selection of Michael Arcega.  
**Vote:** Ayes – Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Slattery; Nays – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Covarrubias, Tamano.
- f) **Dianna Rossi Mosaic – Approval of T1 budget contingency allocation of \$5,000 for installation location at Live Oak Park.**  
**Action:** M/S/C (Passmore/Blecher) to allocate \$5,000 to from the T1 contingency for the construction of a small wall for the Rossi mosaic.  
**Vote:** Ayes – Anno, Blecher, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Slattery; Nays – None; Abstain – Bullwinkel; Absent – Covarrubias, Tamano.
- g) **Restrict use of BART Plaza speakers for sound installations and live events.**  
**Action:** M/S/C (Ozol/Slattery) to approve the restriction of use of the BART Plaza speakers for sound installations and live events only.  
**Vote:** Ayes – Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Slattery; Nays – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Covarrubias, Tamano.

7. **PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSION** *(All items for discussion only and no action).*



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## **8. STAFF REPORT**

- a) The Addison Street Poetry Panels are installed.
- b) The Audit on the 1.5% for Public Art Funding will be presented at the next Commission meeting.
- c) Staff presented the results of a survey conducted with grantees about the grant process.
- d) Staff presented the Private Percent for Art Quarterly Report.

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Grants – No Meeting
  - John Slattery, Chair
  - Kim Anno
- b) Policy – No Meeting
  - Kim Anno, Chair
  - Lisa Bullwinkel
  - Liz Ozol
  - Jennifer Ross

Public Art – Earthsong will be installed on Monday Tuesday, October 29

- Matt Passmore, Chair
  - Kim Anno
  - Dana Blecher
  - Modesto Covarrubias
- c) Berkeley Cultural Trust Representative – Members have been assigned Council members to contact.
    - Lisa Bullwinkel
  - d) Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee Representative – Working on a Chancellors grant.
    - Liz Ozol
    - Jennifer Ross (Alternate)
  - e) Design Review – Commissioner not in attendance to report.
    - Covarrubias



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## **10. COMMUNICATIONS**

- a) Communication from Terry Taplin (Attachment 5)
- b) Communication from Luna Dance (Attachment 6)

## **11. ADJOURNMENT** Motion to adjourn at 8:03 p.m.

**Action:** M/S/C (Anno/Passmore) to adjourn

**Vote:** Ayes – Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Slattery; Nays – None; Abstain – None; Absent – Covarrubias, Tamano.

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