



Meeting Minutes
Civic Arts Commission
Wednesday, December 3, 2025
6:00 PM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:06 PM

2. ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: Bachrach

Staff Present: Hilary Amnah, Grants Program Lead; Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary/Chief Cultural Affairs Officer; Mark Salinas, Public Art Program Lead

Members of the public present: None

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5. COMMUNICATIONS: None

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

a) Cultural District State Designation Application

b) Update on Joint Subcommittee's Affordable Housing for Artists Recommendations Report to Council

c) Chair transition planning

7. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

a) **Presentation Item:** Economic Impact Studies: Berkeley's Creative Economy and Assessment of Pandemic Relief Investments in the Arts Sector.

Public Comment: None

b) **Action Item:** Event Producers Policy Recommendations

M/S/C (Blecher/Woo) to approve edited draft of Event Producers Policy Recommendations and to further review at January 2026 Civic Arts Commission meeting for possible action to send to Council.

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

Public Comment: None

c) **Action Item:** FY27 Individual Artist Projects grant guidelines

M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Dutta-Choudhury) to approve FY27 Individual Artist Projects grant guidelines.

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

Public Comment: None

d) **Action Item:** FY27 Community Festivals grant guidelines

M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Woo) to approve FY27 Community Festivals grant guidelines.

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

Public Comment: None

e) **Action Item:** FY27 Arts Programs grant guidelines

M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Montgomery) to approve FY27 Arts Programs grant guidelines.

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

Public Comment: None

f) **Action Item:** Slate of Grants Panelists

M/S/C (Montgomery/Blecher) to approve Slate of Grants Panelists

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

Public Comment: None

g) **Action Item:** Cube Space exhibition proposal by Ahn Lee: January - March 2026

M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Dutta-Choudhury) to approve Cube Space exhibition proposal by Ahn Lee: January - March 2026.

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

Public Comment: None

h) **Action Item:** South Berkeley Senior Center Project Plan

M/S/C (Blecher/Scott) to approve South Berkeley Senior Center Project Plan.

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

Public Comment: None

- i) **Action Item:** 2026 Civic Arts Commission meeting schedule

M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Montgomery) to approve 2026 Civic Arts Commission meeting schedule.

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

Public Comment: None

- j) **Action Item:** Subcommittee Appointments: Devi Dutta-Choudhury to Public Art Subcommittee and Design Review Committee; and Audrey Truc-Dao Kramer to Policy Subcommittee

M/S/C (Pineda/Montgomery) to approve Subcommittee Appointments: Devi Dutta-Choudhury to Public Art Subcommittee and Design Review Committee; and Audrey Truc-Dao Kramer to Policy Subcommittee

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

Public Comment: None

- k) **Action Item:** 2026-2027 City of Berkeley Poet Laureate Selection

M/S/C (Kramer/ Pineda) to approve Hanan Masri as the 2026-2027 City of Berkeley Poet Laureate.

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

Public Comment: None

- l) **Discussion Item:** Turtle Island Monument update and discussion

Public Comment: None

- m) **Discussion Item:** Commissioner spotlights on social media

Public Comment: None

- n) **Report Item:** Private Percent for Art Quarterly Report

Public Comment: None

- o) **Report Item:** Festival Quarterly Report

Public Comment: None

8. STAFF REPORT

- a) Public Art Program Updates, Mark Salinas

- b) Grants Program Updates, Hilary Amnah
- c) Civic Arts Program Updates, Jen Lovvorn

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants – None
- b) Public Art – Meets December 4, 2025
- c) Policy Subcommittee – None
- d) Representative on Design Review Committee – December meeting canceled

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) Draft Minutes of September 17, 2025 Meeting
M/S/C (Pineda/Woo) to approve Draft Minutes of September 17, 2025 Meeting
Vote: Ayes — Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Kramer, Pineda, Scott, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — Montgomery; Absent — Bachrach.
Public Comment: None

11. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

12. ADJOURNMENT: 8:52 PM

- M/S/C** (Blecher/Montgomery) to adjourn.
Vote: Ayes — Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Kramer, Montgomery, Pineda, Scott, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Bachrach.

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