



Civic Arts Commission

Meeting Minutes
Civic Arts Commission Meeting
Wednesday, April 26, 2023
6:00 PM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:04 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ibarra, Ozol, Passmore, Woo.

Commissioners Absent: None.

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

Members of the public in attendance: 2

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

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5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) Draft Minutes of March 15, 2023 Meeting

From: Commission Secretary

Action: M/S/C (Woo/ Dhesi) to approve the March 15, 2023 Draft Minutes.

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

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a) Reminder of Annual Work Plan Process Starting
- b) Thanking Commissioners for attendance at public meetings and events

7. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION ITEMS

- a) Action Item: Approval of two Cube Space exhibitions curated by Leila Weefur
Action: M/S/C (Anno/Ozol) to approve two Cube Space exhibitions (Charles Lee and Kerri Conlon) curated by Leila Weefur.
Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ibarra, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — None.
- b) Action Item: Approval of Preliminary Art Plan for 2403 San Pablo
Action: M/S/C (Ibarra/Bullwinkel) to approve Preliminary Art Plan for 2403 San Pablo.
Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ibarra, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — None.
- c) Action Item: Approval of Design Development of Artwork by Jean LaMarr for Ohlone Park
Action: M/S/C (Passmore/Ibarra) to approve Design Development of Artwork by Jean LaMarr for Ohlone Park.
Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Dhesi, Ibarra, Passmore, Woo; Nays — Bullwinkel, Covarrubias; Abstain — Ozol; Absent — None.
- d) Action Item: Approval of Selected Artists for Socially Engaged Art Practice Projects
Action: M/S/C (Anno/Bullwinkel) to approve three selected artists for Socially Engaged Art Practice Projects: Sue Mark ("Mark Search"), Deirdre Weinberg, and Daniel Freeman.
Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ibarra, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — None.
Public Comment: 1
- e) Presentation Item: Public Art Administrative Priorities for FY24
- f) Presentation Item: Public Art on Private Development Quarterly Report
- g) Presentation Item: Artist Affordable Housing Certification Council Report

8. STAFF REPORTS

- a) Civic Arts Updates, Jennifer Lovvorn
- b) Public Art Program Updates, Zoë Taleporos
- c) Grants Program Updates, Hilary Amnah

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants – No meeting this month
 - Dana Blecher, Chair
 - Liz Ozol
 - Cameron Woo
- b) Policy – No meeting this month
 - Kim Anno, Chair
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Modesto Covarrubias
 - Cameron Woo
- c) Public Art – No meeting this month
 - Matt Passmore, Chair
 - Kim Anno
 - Riti Dhesi
- d) Representatives on Civic Center Project – Request for Civic Center Project to be on May Civic Arts Commission meeting agenda.
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Liz Ozol
 - Cameron Woo
- e) Representative on Berkeley Cultural Trust – BCT met in person in April.
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
- f) Representatives on Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee – No meeting.
 - Liz Ozol
- g) Representative on Design Review Committee – Design Review met in April and reviewed proposed building projects at 2920 Shattuck Avenue, 1598 University Avenue and 2147 San Pablo Avenue.
 - Cameron Woo

- h) Representative on Ad-Hoc Artists Affordable Housing Committee – Request to invite the new director for the Artist Space Trust to present at a future Civic Arts Commission meeting.
 - Kim Anno


10. COMMUNICATION (Received from the Public for Items not on the Agenda)

- a) Letter from Community for a Cultural Civic Center

11. ADJOURNMENT 8:13 PM

Action: M/S/C (Covarrubias/Ibarra) to adjourn the meeting.

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

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