



Civic Arts Commission

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Civic Arts Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, May 24, 2023**  
**6:00 PM**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER 6:08 PM**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present:** Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel (left at 7:55 PM), Dhesi (arrived at 6:38 PM), Ibarra, Ozol, Passmore, Woo.

**Commissioners Absent:** Covarrubias.

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

**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 April 26, 2023 Meeting

Action: M/S/C (Woo/Dhesi) to approve the April 26, 2023 Draft Minutes.

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

**6. CHAIR'S REPORT**

a) City's Annual Budget Process

- b) Reminder About Annual Civic Arts Commission Work Plan Process

## 7. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION ITEMS

- a) Action Item: Approval of Final Art Plan for 2403 San Pablo, Presented by Shelly Willis  
Action: M/S/C (Anno/Bullwinkel) to approve Final Art Plan for 2403 San Pablo  
Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Ibarra, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Covarrubias, Dhesi.  
Public Comment: 0
- b) Presentation Item: Artist Space Trust, Presented by Meg Shiffler and Kathryn Reasoner
- c) Action Item: Action Item: Approval of Poet Laureate Program Guidelines  
Action: M/S/C (Ibarra/Ozol) to approve Poet Laureate Program Guidelines.  
Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Dhesi, Ibarra, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Bullwinkel, Covarrubias.  
Public Comment: 1
- d) Presentation and Action Item: Civic Center Design Concept  
Action: M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Anno) to endorse the Civic Center Design Concept with the recommendation to study the cost and feasibility of expanding building spaces to the west and/or east courtyards of the Veterans Memorial Building.  
Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dhesi, Ibarra, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Covarrubias.  
Public Comment: 1

## 8. STAFF REPORTS

- a) Civic Arts Updates, Jennifer Lovvorn
- b) 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 – Met on May 16 to discuss the following: 2403 San Pablo Final Art Plan, Jean LaMarr artwork design for Ohlone Park, plan for installation of Romare Bearden artwork, and Public Art Work Plan Items and Administrative Priorities for FY24.
- Matt Passmore, Chair
  - Kim Anno
  - Riti Dhesi
- d) Representatives on Civic Center Project – Civic Center Project Super Subcommittee met on May 16 to review Civic Center Design Concept and requested Civic Center Project to be on May Civic Arts Commission meeting agenda.
- Lisa Bullwinkel
  - Liz Ozol
  - Cameron Woo
- e) Representative on Berkeley Cultural Trust – No report.
- Lisa Bullwinkel
- f) Representatives on Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee – No meeting.
- Liz Ozol
- g) Representative on Design Review Committee – Design Review Committee has a vacancy for an architect (must reside in Berkeley). Committee reviewed Moshav at their last meeting.
- Cameron Woo
- h) Representative on Ad-Hoc Artists Affordable Housing Committee – No report.
- Kim Anno


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

- a) None

**11. ADJOURNMENT** 8:22 PM

Action: M/S/C (Ozol/Woo) to adjourn the meeting.

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

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