



**Draft Minutes  
Civic Arts Commission  
Wednesday, September 17, 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:** Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Kramer, Woo

**Commissioners Absent:** Montgomery, Pineda, Scott

**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:** 9

**3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT (for items not on the agenda): 8**

**5. COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a) Letter regarding South Berkeley Senior Center Ceramics Studio

**6. CHAIR'S REPORT**

- a) Welcome back from summer; reconnecting with the slate of Civic Arts Commission initiatives

**7. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

- a) **Discussion:** Scott Parsons discussion on development of an alternate project idea for the four bronze turtles and eight stone medallions

**Public Comment:** 1

- b) **Discussion Item:** Questions from New Commissioners and Orientation Discussion

**Public Comment:** 1

## 8. STAFF REPORT

- a) Civic Arts Program Updates, Jen Lovvorn
- b) Grants Program Updates, Hilary Amnah
- c) Public Art Program Updates, Mark Salinas

## 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants – Next meeting is October 10, 11 AM.
- b) Public Art – Met with Scot Parsons about possibilities for artwork elements.
- c) Policy Subcommittee – Next meeting is October 3, 11 AM .
- d) Representative on Design Review Committee – Next meeting is September 18.

## 10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) **Action Item:** Draft August 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes  
**M/S/C** (Bullwinkel/Bachrach) to approve final August 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes.  
**Vote:** Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — Kramer; Absent — Montgomery, Pineda, Scott.  
**Public Comment:** None

## 11. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 12. ADJOURNMENT: 7:50 PM

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

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