



Civic Arts Commission

**Draft Minutes  
Civic Arts Commission  
Wednesday, March 25, 2026  
6:00 PM**

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:00 PM
2. **ROLL CALL**  
**Commissioners Present:** Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Montgomery, Pineda, Woo  
**Commissioners Absent:** Scott, Truc-Dao Kramer  
**Staff Present:** Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development Manager; secretary *pro tempore*  
**Staff Absent:** Hilary Amnah, Grants Program Lead, Mark Salinas, Public Art Program Lead, Carianna Arredondo, Assistant to the City Manager  
**General Public Present:** 4
3. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT,** led by Commissioner Pineda
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** 2
5. **COMMUNICATIONS:** 0
6. **CHAIR'S REPORT:** N/A
7. **PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS**
  - a) **Presentation Item:** Niko Karim Strang – Civic Arts Grantee Mural Project at Frances Albrier Community Center, introduced by Commissioner Pineda  
**Action Item:** Approval Niko Karim Strang's – Civic Arts Grantee Mural Project at Frances Albrier Community Center  
**M/S** (Bullwinkel/ Blecher) to approve the location and Karim Strang mural project  
**Vote:** Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Montgomery, Pineda, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Scott, Kramer.  
**Public Comment:** 0

- b) **Action Item:** Approval of Annual Civic Arts Commission Subcommittee and Subcommittee members as listed:

Grants

- Dana Blecher, Chair
- Lisa Bullwinkel
- Cameron Woo

Public Art

- Eduardo Pineda, Chair
- Jonathan Bachrach
- Devi Dutta-Choudhury

Policy Subcommittee

- Lisa Bullwinkel, Chair
- Dana Blecher
- Cameron Woo
- Audrey Truc-Dao Kramer

Representative on Design Review Committee

- Devi Dutta-Choudhury

**M/S** (Woo/ Dutta-Choudhury) to approve the subcommittees and subcommittee members as listed above.

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

**Public Comment:** 0

- c) **Presentation Items:** Economic Dashboard & Civic Center

**Discussion Held, Public Comment:** 0

- d) **Discussion Items (7d-7g):** Civic Arts Commission Budget Discussion, Civic Arts Advocacy Opportunities Updates, Nightlife Council and BCT (Berkeley Cultural Trust) reconvened, and Entertainment Zones.

**Discussion Held, Public Comment:** 0

## 8. STAFF REPORTS

- a) Civic Arts Program Updates, report submitted by Carianna Arredondo, received and filed

## 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants - None
- b) Public Art – Moving forward with Cube Space gallery artists in conversation with the curator hosted at the Berkeley Art Center
- c) Policy - None

- d) Design Review - One project reviewed (2700 Shattuck, next to old Berkeley Iceland, Trachtenberg is architect)

**10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**M/S** (Pineda/ Blecher) to approve Draft Minutes of February 25, 2026 Meeting

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

**Public Comment:** 0

**11. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Commissioner Bachrach is opening the next exhibit at gallery 120710 the end of March, check the website (120710.art) for more details.

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** 7:59 PM

**M/S** (Blecher/Bullwinkel) to adjourn the March 25, 2026 Civic Arts Commission Meeting

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

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