



Civic Arts Commission

**Draft Minutes
Civic Arts Commission
Wednesday, May 20, 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, Truc-Dao Kramer, Woo
Commissioners Absent: Scott
Staff Present: Carianna Arredondo, Assistant to the City Manager, Hilary Amnah, Grants Program Lead, Reuel Cooke, Economic Development Project Coordinator
Staff Absent: Mark Salinas, Public Art Program Lead
General Public Present: 0
3. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT,** led by Commissioner Bullwinkel
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** 0
5. **COMMUNICATIONS:** 0
6. **CHAIR'S REPORT:** Chair Montgomery met with Commission Secretary Cari to align and establish a regular coordination cadence. They will plan to meet toward the end of the week prior to each regularly scheduled Wednesday Commission meeting.
7. **PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS**
 - a) **Presentation Item:** Berkeley Vibrant Storefront Initiative, presented by Reuel Cooke, Office of Economic Development (20 minutes)
Public Comment: 0
 - b) **Discussion Item:** Civic Arts Fiscal Year 2027 Workplan (30 minutes)
Public Comment 0

- c) **Action Item:** FY26 Arts Programs Grant Awards (7 minutes)
M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Pineda) to approve the FY26 Arts Program Grant Awards
Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Kramer, Montgomery, Pineda, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Scott.
Public Comment: 0

- d) **Discussion Item:** Civic Arts FY 27-28 Budget Discussion (20 minutes)
Public Comment: 0

8. STAFF REPORTS

- a) Civic Arts Program Updates, Carianna Arredondo
- b) Grants Program Updates, Hilary Amnah

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants – None, updates covered in agenda item 7b
- b) Public Art – None, updates covered in agenda item 7b
- c) Policy – None, updates covered in agenda item 7b
- d) Design Review – None

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S (Blecher/ Bullwinkel) to approve Draft Minutes of April 22, 2026, Meeting
Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Kramer, Montgomery, Pineda, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Scott.
Public Comment: 0

11. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS: 0

12. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 PM by unanimous consent.
Vote: All Ayes

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