



**Meeting Minutes  
Civic Arts Commission  
Wednesday, April 23, 2025  
6:00 PM**

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

**Agenda**

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 PM**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present:** Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Pineda, Scott, Woo

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**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:** 0

**3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT (for items not on the agenda): 0**

**5. CHAIR'S REPORT**

a) Update on City's budget

b) FY26 City Budget process and Commission budget requests:

i. Poet Laureate Program Funding (\$25,000) June 17 Council Meeting

ii. Festival Grant allocation differential (~\$42,000) June 17 Council Meeting

c) Discussion about informing Council Members and showing up to Council Meetings

d) Developing talking points

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

a) **Action Item:** Budget Referral Request for Community Festival Grant Allocation Differential.

**M/S/C** (Bullwinkel/Blecher) to approval Budget Referral Request for an increased budget allocation of \$41,685 for Festival Grants, bringing the allocation for these grants to \$200,000 in FY26.

**Vote:** Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Pineda, Scott, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — None.

**Public Comment:** None

b) **Discussion Item:** Review Civic Arts Commission FY25 Work Plan and begin  
**Public Comment:** None

c) **Report:** Civic Arts Grants-funded Community Festivals Quarterly Report  
**Public Comment:** None

d) **Report:** Public Art on Private Development Quarterly Report  
**Public Comment:** None

## 7. STAFF REPORT

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

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants – No Report
- b) Public Art – Meeting scheduled for May 1, 2025
- c) Policy Subcommittee – Discussed Arts & Culture District Guidelines
- d) Joint Subcommittee with Housing Advisory Commission – Attended California Art Council Meeting
- e) Representative on Design Review Committee – No Report

## 9. COMMUNICATION

- a) None

## 10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Action Item:** Draft March 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes

**M/S/C** (Blecher /Pineda) to approve Final March 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

**Vote:** Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Pineda, Scott, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — Covarrubias; Absent — None.

**Public Comment:** None

## 11. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

**12. ADJOURNMENT: 7:31 PM**

**M/S/C** (Pineda/ Covarrubias) to adjourn

**Vote:** Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Pineda, Scott, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — None.

**Public Comment:** None

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