



**Meeting Minutes  
Civic Arts Commission  
Wednesday, June 25, 2025  
6:00 PM**

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

**Agenda**

**1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:05 PM**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present:** Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Montgomery, Woo

**Commissioners Absent:** 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:** 3

**3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT (for items not on the agenda):** None

**5. COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**6. CHAIR'S REPORT**

- a) Activities related to State Cultural District Designation
- b) Civic Arts Commission's Poet Laureate & Festival Funding requests
- c) Budget advocacy within difficult budget climate

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

- a) **Presentation:** FY26 Civic Arts Grants Memo. Presented by Hilary Amnah, Grants Program Lead.

**Public Comment:** None

- b) **Action Item:** FY26 Individual Artist Projects Grant Awards. Presented by Grants Subcommittee.  
**M/S/C** (Bullwinkel/Blecher) to approve FY26 Individual Artist Projects Grant Awards.  
**Vote:** Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Montgomery, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Pineda, Scott.  
**Public Comment:** 4
- c) **Action Item:** FY26 Community Festivals Grant Awards. Presented by Grants Subcommittee.  
**M/S/C** (Bullwinkel/Blecher) to approve both scenarios for the FY26 Community Festivals Grant Awards.  
**Vote:** Ayes — Blecher, Bullwinkel, Montgomery, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Recuse — Bachrach; Absent — Pineda, Scott.  
**Public Comment:** 2
- d) **Action Item:** FY26 General Operating Support Grant Awards. Presented by Grants Subcommittee.  
**M/S/C** (Blecher/Bullwinkel) to approve FY26 General Operating Support Grant Awards.  
**Vote:** Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Montgomery, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Pineda, Scott.  
**Public Comment:** 2
- e) **Action Item:** Civic Arts Commission FY26 Work Plan. Presented by Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary/Chief Cultural Affairs Officer.  
**M/S/C** (Bullwinkel/Blecher) to approve Civic Arts Commission FY26 Work Plan.  
**Vote:** Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Montgomery, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Pineda, Scott.  
**Public Comment:** 1
- f) **Action Item:** FY26 Public Art Budget. Presented by Public Art Subcommittee.  
**M/S/C** (Blecher/Woo) to approve FY26 Public Art Budget.  
**Vote:** Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Montgomery, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Pineda, Scott.  
**Public Comment:** 4
- g) **Action Item:** Design Development of Willard Clubhouse public art project by Julie Chang. Presented by Public Art Subcommittee.  
**M/S/C** (Bullwinkel/Blecher) to approve Design Development of Willard Clubhouse public art project by Julie Chang.  
**Vote:** Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Montgomery, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Pineda, Scott.

**Public Comment:** None

- h) **Action Item:** Cube Space Curator Kevin Chen: Artist Mary Anne Kluth: October – December 2025. Presented by Public Art Subcommittee.  
**M/S/C** (Blecher/Bullwinkel) to approve Cube Space Curator Kevin Chen: Artist Mary Anne Kluth: October – December 2025.  
**Vote:** Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Montgomery, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Pineda, Scott.  
**Public Comment:** None
  
- i) **Action Item:** State of California Cultural District Designation application. Presented by Introduced by Cameron Woo, Chair.  
**M/S/C** (Blecher/Bullwinkel) to approve selecting Black Arts & Culture District for State of California Cultural District Designation application.  
**Vote:** Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Montgomery, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Pineda, Scott.  
**Public Comment:** None

## 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 – No Report.
- b) Public Art – No Report.
- c) Policy Subcommittee – No Report.
- d) Joint Subcommittee with Housing Advisory Commission – Upcoming item in July.
- e) Representative on Design Review Committee – Two projects under review.

## 10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) **Action Item:** Draft May 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes  
**M/S/C** (Bullwinkel/Blecher) to approve Final May 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes.  
**Vote:** Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — Montgomery; Absent — Pineda, Scott.  
**Public Comment:** None

## 11. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 12. ADJOURNMENT: 7:59 PM

**M/S/C** (Bullwinkel/Blecher) to adjourn.

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

**Public Comment:** None

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