



**Meeting Minutes
Civic Arts Commission
Wednesday, August 13, 2025
6:00 PM**

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

Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:03 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Montgomery, Pineda, Woo

Commissioners Absent: 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: 4

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

5. COMMUNICATIONS: None

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a) California Arts Council Cultural District application submitted

7. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

- a) **Presentation:** Jaslene Sanchez presentation on Civic Arts internship project updating Artwork Archive database

Public Comment: None

- b) **Action Item:** Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Services Center/Young Adult Project
Public Art Commission: Panel-Selected Artist and Proposal

M/S/C (Blecher/Pineda) to approve Sorrel Raino-Tsui for the Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Services Center/Young Adult Project Public Art Commission.

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

Public Comment: None

- c) **Action Item:** Referral Request to Council to Rescind Incorrect Information Related to Turtle Island Monument

M/S/C (Montgomery/Bullwinkel) to approve Referral Request to Council to Rescind Incorrect Information Related to Turtle Island Monument.

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

Public Comment: 2

- d) **Presentation:** “Keeping Creativity Local: A Strategic Response to Affordable Housing for Artists” Final Report by the Housing Advisory Commission and the Civic Arts Commission, July 2025.

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 September 5.
- b) Public Art – No additional update.
- c) Policy Subcommittee – No meeting.
- d) Joint Subcommittee with Housing Advisory Commission – Subcommittee now dissolved.
- e) Representative on Design Review Committee – No update.

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) **Action Item:** Draft July 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes

M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Blecher) to approve final July 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes.

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

Public Comment: None

11. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS

12. ADJOURNMENT: 7:59 PM

M/S/C (Blecher / Pineda) to adjourn.

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

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