



**Meeting Minutes**  
**Civic Arts Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, June 26, 2024**  
**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:** Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Crandall (Arrived 6:22 PM), Passmore, Pineda, Woo

**Commissioners Absent:** Ibarra

**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. CHAIR'S REPORT**

- a) Appreciation for Commissioner Matthew Passmore's service on the Civic Arts Commission
- b) Mildred Howard sculpture ribbon cutting event
- c) Review of Commission meeting protocol changes announced last month
- d) Reminder: Upcoming Civic Arts Commission Retreat on September 15, 2024 and retreat planning

**6. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS** (All items for presentation, discussion and possible action)

- a) **Action Item:** Approval of Design Development Phase of Artwork for the West Service Center by Lara Kaur  
M/S/C (Woo/Crandall) to approve Design Development Phase of Artwork for the West Service Center by Lara Kaur.  
Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Crandall, Passmore, Pineda, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Ibarra.  
**Public Comment:** None
- b) **Discussion:** FY25 Community Festivals and Arts Programs Grant Process Memo  
**Public Comment:** None
- c) **Action:** FY25 Community Festivals Grant Awards  
M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Covarrubias) to approve FY25 Community Festivals Grant Awards Scenario 1 and 2.  
Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Crandall, Passmore, Pineda, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Ibarra.  
**Public Comment:** None
- d) **Action:** FY25 Arts Programs Grant Awards  
M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Crandall) to approve FY25 Arts Programs Grant Awards.  
Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Crandall, Passmore, Pineda, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Ibarra.  
**Public Comment:** None
- e) **Action:** Approval of Commission Subcommittees and Subcommittee members  
M/S/C (Anno/Woo) to approve Subcommittees and members as follows:
- Grants: Dana Blecher (Chair), Lisa Bullwinkel, and Cameron Woo.
  - Public Art: Modesto Covarrubias (Chair), Kim Anno, Cristina Ibarra, and Eduardo Pineda.
  - Policy Subcommittee: Kim Anno (Chair), Lisa Bullwinkel, and Cameron Woo.
  - Joint Subcommittee with Housing Advisory Commission: Kim Anno (Chair), Lisa Bullwinkel, Kathleen Crandall, and Cameron Woo.
  - Representative on Design Review Committee: Cameron Woo
- Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Crandall, Passmore, Pineda, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Ibarra.  
**Public Comment:** None

- f) **Discussion and Action:** Discussion of Potential Arts Ballot Measure and Approval of Letter to Council  
M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Woo) to approve Arts Ballot Measure Letter to Council with Chair edits.  
Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Crandall, Passmore, Pineda, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Ibarra.  
**Public Comment:** None
- g) **Discussion:** Berkeley Arts and Music Summit and Berkeley Cultural Trust  
**Public Comment:** None
- h) **Discussion:** Report on Community Convening to Discuss a West Berkeley Arts & Culture District  
**Public Comment:** None
- i) **Presentation:** State Designation Process for Cultural Districts  
**Public Comment:** None
- j) **Presentation:** FY23 Artist Grantee Showcase Video  
**Public Comment:** 2
- k) **Presentation:** FY24 Public Art Accomplishments  
**Public Comment:** None
- l) **Action:** FY25 Civic Arts Commission Work Plan  
M/S/C (Covarrubias/Passmore) to approve FY25 Civic Arts Commission Work Plan.  
Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Crandall, Passmore, Pineda, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Ibarra.  
**Public Comment:** None

## 7. STAFF REPORT

- a) Grants Program Updates, Hilary Amnah
- b) Public Art Program Updates, Mark Salinas

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants – Met on June 17, 2024 to discuss grant awards and annual work plan.
  - Dana Blecher, Chair
  - Lisa Bullwinkel

- Cameron Woo
- b) Public Art – Met on June 25, 2024 to discuss annual work plan.
  - Matt Passmore, Chair
  - Kim Anno
  - Cristina Ibarra
- c) Policy Subcommittee – No report
  - Kim Anno, Chair
  - Lisa Bullwinkel
  - Cameron Woo
- d) Joint Subcommittee with Housing Advisory Commission – Next meeting is June 27, 2024
  - Kim Anno, Chair
  - Lisa Bullwinkel
  - Cameron Woo
- e) Representative on Design Review Committee – Met on June 20, 2024.
  - Cameron Woo

**9. COMMUNICATION** (Received from the Public for Items not on the Agenda)

- a) None

**10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Action Item: M/S/C (Woo/Pineda) to approve Draft Minutes of May 22, 2024 Meeting.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Passmore, Pineda, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Crandall; Absent — Ibarra.

**11. ADJOURNMENT 9:06 PM**

- a) Action Item: M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Woo) to adjourn.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Crandall, Passmore, Pineda, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Ibarra.

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