



**Minutes
Civic Arts Commission
Wednesday, January 22, 2025
6:00 PM**

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

Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:06 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Ibarra, Pineda, Woo

Commissioners Absent: Covarrubias

Staff Present: Hilary Amnah, Grants Program Lead; Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary/Chief Cultural Affairs Officer

Members of the public present: 2

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (for items not on the agenda): 2

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

a) Reminder: Election of new chair and vice chair at February meeting

b) Reminder: Subcommittee members needed

6. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

a) **Action Item:** Artist Joanna Keane Lopez for Cube Space Exhibition
M/S/C (Pineda/Ibarra) to approve artist Joanna Keane Lopez for Cube Space Exhibition, April – June, 2025 with lighting recommendations.

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

Public Comment: None

- b) **Action Item:** Telegraph Business Improvement District artwork by Forest Wolf Kell
M/S/C (Ibarra/Bullwinkel) to approve artwork by Forest Wolf Kell for new 24/7 public restroom outside the Public Parking Garage on Channing Way with the following addition under the MOU Section C. Maintenance: “Should TBID not have adequate funding to maintain, repair and replace significantly damaged (over 20% of surface area), the City may require and give notice to TBID to remove the artwork wraps at no cost to the City until TBID has sufficient funds for replacement.”
Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Ibarra, Pineda, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Covarrubias.
Public Comment: None

- c) **Action Item:** Ordinance Amending the Municipal Code to Implement AB 812
M/S/C (Ibarra/Bullwinkel) to refer to the Planning Commission for its consideration and action a draft ordinance amending the Municipal Code to implement AB 812 (Chapter 747) authorizing a certain percentage of affordable units be reserved for lower income artists of those required affordable housing units consistent with the City of Berkeley’s Affordable Housing Preference Policy.
Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Ibarra, Pineda, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Covarrubias.
Public Comment: None

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

- e) **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

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants – No Report
- b) Public Art – No Report
- c) Policy Subcommittee – No Report
- d) Joint Subcommittee with Housing Advisory Commission – No Report
- e) Representative on Design Review Committee – Met on January 16, 2025

9. **COMMUNICATION:** None

10. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Action Item: Draft Minutes of December 4, 2024 Meeting

M/S/C (Pineda/Ibarra) to approve the Draft Minutes of December 4, 2024 Meeting.

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

Public Comment: None

11. **ADJOURNMENT:** 8:02 PM

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

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

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