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Carianna Arredondo
Commission Secretary

**Meeting Minutes
Civic Arts Commission
Wednesday, March 25, 2026
6:00 PM**

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** 6:00 PM
2. **ROLL CALL**
Commissioners Present: Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Montgomery, Pineda, Woo
Commissioners Absent: Scott, Truc-Dao Kramer
Staff Present: Eleanor Hollander, Economic Development Manager; secretary *pro tempore*
Staff Absent: Hilary Amnah, Grants Program Lead, Mark Salinas, Public Art Program Lead, Carianna Arredondo, Assistant to the City Manager
General Public Present: 4
3. **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**, led by Commissioner Pineda
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** 2
5. **COMMUNICATIONS:** 0
6. **CHAIR'S REPORT:** N/A
7. **PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS**
 - a) **Presentation Item:** Niko Karim Strang – Civic Arts Grantee Mural Project at Frances Albrier Community Center, introduced by Commissioner Pineda
Action Item: Approval Niko Karim Strang's – Civic Arts Grantee Mural Project at Frances Albrier Community Center
M/S (Bullwinkel/ Blecher) to approve the location and Karim Strang mural project
Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Montgomery, Pineda, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Scott, Kramer.
Public Comment: 0

- b) **Action Item:** Approval of Annual Civic Arts Commission Subcommittee and Subcommittee members as listed:

Grants

- Dana Blecher, Chair
- Lisa Bullwinkel
- Cameron Woo

Public Art

- Eduardo Pineda, Chair
- Jonathan Bachrach
- Devi Dutta-Choudhury

Policy Subcommittee

- Lisa Bullwinkel, Chair
- Dana Blecher
- Cameron Woo
- Audrey Truc-Dao Kramer

Representative on Design Review Committee

- Devi Dutta-Choudhury

M/S (Woo/ Dutta-Choudhury) to approve the subcommittees and subcommittee members as listed above.

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

Public Comment: 0

- c) **Presentation Items:** Economic Dashboard & Civic Center

Discussion Held, Public Comment: 0

- d) **Discussion Items (7d-7g):** Civic Arts Commission Budget Discussion, Civic Arts Advocacy Opportunities Updates, Nightlife Council and BCT (Berkeley Cultural Trust) reconvened, and Entertainment Zones.

Discussion Held, Public Comment: 0

8. STAFF REPORTS

- a) Civic Arts Program Updates, report submitted by Carianna Arredondo, received and filed

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants - None
b) Public Art – Moving forward with Cube Space gallery artists in conversation with the curator hosted at the Berkeley Art Center
c) Policy - None

- d) Design Review - One project reviewed (2700 Shattuck, next to old Berkeley Iceland, Trachtenberg is architect)

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S (Pineda/ Blecher) to approve Draft Minutes of February 25, 2026 Meeting

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

Public Comment: 0

11. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS: Commissioner Bachrach is opening the next exhibit at gallery 120710 the end of March, check the website (120710.art) for more details.

12. ADJOURNMENT: 7:59 PM

M/S (Blecher/Bullwinkel) to adjourn the March 25, 2026 Civic Arts Commission Meeting

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

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