



**Minutes**  
**Civic Arts Commission Special Meeting**  
**Sunday, September 15, 2024**  
**10:00 AM – 3:00 PM**  
**Shorebird Nature Center, 160 University Ave, Berkeley, CA 94710**

**1. CALL TO ORDER & WELCOME:** 10:09 AM

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present:** Anno, Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Crandall, Ibarra, Pineda, Woo

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**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:** 0

**3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT** (for items not on the agenda): 0

**5. ICEBREAKER**

Commissioners and Staff shared early arts experiences still having an impact today. No action taken.

**6. CHARTING OUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS: Group Visual Note Taking Activity**

Commissioners and staff contributed to the creation of a word-infused pictographic of recent Civic Arts accomplishments. No action taken.

**7. WORKING LUNCH**

Commissioners and Staff shared interests in Civic Arts Program. No action taken.

**8. BREAK & STRETCH**

**9. DISCUSSION & TRAINING:**

Commission Chair facilitated a conversation on current and upcoming Initiatives. No action taken.

- Nexus Study Budget Referral Request advocacy
- Arts Districts, especially West Berkeley Arts District
- Affordable Housing (Joint Subcommittee work and more)
- Arts Funding Ballot Measure for 2026
- Upcoming Public Art Strategic Planning Process
- Upcoming Economic Impact Study
- Arts & Culture Plan 2018 – 2017

**10. REFLECTION**

Commissioners and Staff shared highlights of the meeting. No action taken.

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** 2:56 PM

Action: M/S/C (Covarrubias/Anno) to adjourn. Vote: Ayes — Anno, Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Crandall, Ibarra, Pineda, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — None.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Lovvorn".