



Civic Arts Commission

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Civic Arts Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 27, 2023**  
**6:00 PM**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER 6:06 PM**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present:** Anno, Blecher, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ibarra, Ozol, Passmore, Woo.

**Commissioners Absent:** Bullwinkel.

**Staff Present:** Andrea Calderon, Civic Arts Intern; Hilary Amnah, Grants Program Lead; Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary/Chief Cultural Affairs Officer.

**Members of the public in attendance:** 6

**3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

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**5. CHAIR'S REPORT**

- a) Welcome back from summer recess.

**6. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION ITEMS**

- a) **Action Item:** Mural Design for Fire Station #5  
M/S/C (Dhesi/Passmore) to approve the mural design by Nigel Sussman for Fire Station #5.

Vote: Ayes — Blecher, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ibarra, Passmore, Woo; Nays — Anno; Abstain — Ozol; Absent — Bullwinkel.  
Public Comment: 2

b) **Presentation:** Utility Box Mural Program Recommendations presented by Andrea Calderon, Civic Arts Intern  
Public Comment: 0

c) **Action Items:** Aquatic Park Public Art Selection

i. M/S/C (Ibarra/Covarrubias) to approve the Aquatic Park Public Art Selection Panel's Recommendation to implement the Aquatic Park Public Art Proposal by Masako Miki for the wall project.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ibarra, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Bullwinkel.  
Public Comment: 0

ii. M/S/C (Ozol/Dhesi) to approve the Aquatic Park Public Art Selection Panel's Recommendation to reject all proposals for the sculpture opportunity

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ibarra, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Bullwinkel.  
Public Comment: 0

d) **Action Item:** Affirm integration of public art into the Waterfront Specific Plan  
M/S/C (Dhesi/Passmore) to affirm the appropriateness and importance of public art at Berkeley's Waterfront and Marina and recommend integration of public art into the Waterfront Specific Plan.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ibarra, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Bullwinkel.  
Public Comment: 0

e) **Update:** Queen Shamiram Sculpture presented by Jennifer Lovvorn, Chief Cultural Affairs Officer  
Public Comment: 0

## 7. STAFF REPORTS

a) Civic Arts Updates, Jennifer Lovvorn

b) Grants Program Updates, Jennifer Lovvorn

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants – Met on August 21 to reflect on FY24 Grants process and discuss FY25 Grant Guidelines.
  - Dana Blecher, Chair
  - Liz Ozol
  - Cameron Woo
  
- b) Policy – No meeting.
  - Kim Anno, Chair
  - Lisa Bullwinkel
  - Liz Ozol
  - Cameron Woo
  
- c) Public Art – Met on September 19 and items discussed at that meeting were included on this agenda.
  - Matt Passmore, Chair
  - Kim Anno
  - Riti Dhesi
  
- d) Representatives on Civic Center Project – No meeting.
  - Lisa Bullwinkel
  - Liz Ozol
  - Cameron Woo
  
- e) Representative on Berkeley Cultural Trust – No report.
  - Lisa Bullwinkel
  
- f) Representatives on Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee – No meeting.
  - Liz Ozol
  
- g) Representative on Design Review Committee – Design Review Committee met earlier in September to review signage for new development at Aquatic Park.
  - Cameron Woo
  
- h) Representative on Ad-Hoc Artists Affordable Housing Committee – No report.
  - Kim Anno

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


- a) None

**10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Draft Minutes of July 19, 2023 Meeting  
Action: M/S/C (Ibarra/Woo) to approve the July 19, 2023 Draft Minutes.  
Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ibarra, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Bullwinkel.  
Public Comment: 0

**11. ADJOURNMENT 7:51 PM**

- Action: M/S/C (Anno/Ozol) to adjourn the meeting.  
Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ibarra, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Bullwinkel.  
Public Comment: 0

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