



Civic Arts Commission
Office of Economic Development

MINUTES
Civic Arts Commission
Special Meeting
Wednesday, July 15, 2020
6:00 PM

No physical location; meeting held exclusively through videoconference and teleconference.

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:02 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Slattery, Tamano

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary/Chief Cultural Affairs Officer and Chrystal O'Malley, Civic Arts Analyst.

Members of the public in attendance: 16

3. PUBLIC COMMENT (for items not on the agenda)

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) February 26, 2020 Draft Minutes (Attachment 1)

Action: M/S/C (Ross/Passmore) to approve the February 26, 2020 Minutes.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Slattery, Tamano; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — None.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

a) The Chair stated that the Civic Arts Commission meeting does not have permission to meet regularly. She stated that she would work with staff to request permission to begin meeting every other month. She added that the inability to meet is impacting the Commission's ability to complete the FY20 Work Plan. The Chair asked staff to update the Commission on the activities that the Civic Arts Program has been working on since mid-March.

b) Jennifer Lovvorn reported on the Civic Arts Program's activities during the last four months including: Implementation of the Arts Continuity Relief Grants to arts organizations, partnership with East Bay Relief Fund for Individual in the Arts, Berkeley Cultural Trust weekly digital forums, creation of Public Art Database, Art Space Study met once before being put on hold temporarily due to the pandemic (will resume again in the near future), developed demographic survey to distribute to FY21 grant recipients, and distributed a financial health survey tracker to Berkeley Arts Organizations.

6. ACTION ITEMS (All items for discussion and possible action)

a) Review and approval of Civic Arts Grant Awards for FY2021 as recommended by the Civic Arts Grants Committee (Attachment 2).

i) FY21 Arts Organizations

Action: M/S/C (Slattery/Ozol) to approve the FY2021 Arts Organization Grant Awards.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Slattery, Tamano; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — None; Recused — Ross.

Public Comment: None

ii) FY21 Individual Artists

Action: M/S/C (Slattery/Anno) to approve the FY2021 Individual Artists Grant Awards with expansion of funding to add one additional artist by lowering award percentage per applicant.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Slattery, Tamano; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — None.

Public Comment: 1 speaker

iii) FY21 Festivals

Action: M/S/C (Tamano/Slattery) to approve the FY2021 Festival Grant Awards. Commission's Grants Committee to develop criteria for staff to use to evaluate plans for festivals to pivot their event to be on-line or broadcast.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Slattery, Tamano; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — None; Recused — Bullwinkel, Ross.

Public Comment: None

b) Cube Space Curator Leila Weefur: Revised proposed Exhibition for Cube Space. (Presented by Jennifer Lovvorn on behalf of Leila Weefur)

Action: M/S/C (Covarrubias/Anno) to approve the proposed exhibition by Dionne Lee for Cube Space to be on display for four months (September 2020 through early January 2021).

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Slattery, Tamano; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — None.

Public Comment: None

7. ADJOURNMENT 7:49 PM

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