



Civic Arts Commission
Office of Economic Development

Draft Minutes Civic Arts Commission

Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch Library, 1901 Russell St., Berkeley, CA 94703

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 6:01 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Commissioners Present: Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ross, Slattery, Tamano
Commissioner Passmore (arrived at 6:05 p.m.)

Commissioners Absent: Ozol (Leave of Absence)

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

Members of the public in attendance: 5

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1 Speaker

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) **January 22, 2020 Draft Minutes (Attachment 1)**

Action: M/S/C (Anno/Slattery) to approve the January 22, 2020 Minutes with corrections.

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

5. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

a) Susan Felix, the art ambassador appointed by the mayor, is seeking funding to hire a writer for artist proclamations.

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

a) **2542 Durant – Final Art Plan (Attachment 2)**

Action: M/S/C (Anno/Covarrubias) to approve the Final Art Plan for 2543 Durant.

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

b) **Cube Space Curator Leila Weefur: Exhibitions for Cube Space**

Action: M/S/C (Covarrubias/Blecher) to approve two exhibitions for Cube Space.

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

c) **Chair and Vice Chair Election**

Action: M/S/C (Passmore/Slattery) to approve Lisa Bullwinkel as Chair and Kim Anno as Vice Chair.

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

d) **Public Art Ordinance (Attachment 3)**

Action: M/S/C (Anno/Blecher) to approve public art ordinance language with changes.

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

e) **Purchase of three framed artworks from Berkeley Art Center (Attachment 4)**

Action: M/S/C (Passmore/Covarrubias) to approve purchase of three framed artworks from Berkeley Art Center: “Trompe L’oeil” by Christine Meuris (\$300); and “2 Twigs #1 Shadow Study” and “3 Twigs Shadow Study” by Toby Kahn (\$295 each).

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

f) **Raise panelist fee for Art Organization from \$1,000 to \$1,500 for this year FY21 review process (Attachment 5)**

Action: M/S/C (Passmore/Slattery) to approve raising panelist fee to \$1,500 for this year.

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

g) **Reschedule April 22, 2020 Commission meeting to Wednesday, April 29, 2020**

Action: M/S/C (Anno/Ross) to approve rescheduling commission meeting to April 29, 2020.

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

h) **Revisions to “Public Art on Private Development” Ordinance and Guidelines**

Action: M/S/C (Anno/Slattery) to approve revisions to Public Art on Private Development Ordinance and Guidelines.

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

7. **PRESENTATIONS and DISCUSSIONS** (All items for discussion only and no action)

- a) Turtle Island Update by David Snippen, Elyce Klein, and Deb Durant (Attachment 6)
- b) Art Space Capital Grants Development (Attachment 7)
- c) Arts Education Grants Development (Attachment 8)

8. **STAFF REPORT**

- a) Bart Plaza Update – Sound installation by Jim McKee Postponed
- b) Affordable Art Space Study Underway, first meeting Monday, March 2, 2020

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Grants — Met on February 4, 2020
 - John Slattery, Chair
 - Kim Anno
- b) Policy — Met on February, 22, 2020. Committee discussed development of Public Art Ordinance; Capital Grant Program for Creative Spaces; and Arts Education Grant Program
 - Kim Anno
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Liz Ozol
 - Jennifer Ross

- c) Public Art — Met on February 20, 2020. The agenda included: Issue concerning “The Opening Circle” artwork at Cesar Chavez Park; 2542 Durant – Final Art Plan; Community Proposal of Mural Extension at University Avenue underpass; 1.5% for Public Art Ordinance Language; Revisions to “Public Art on Private Development” Ordinance and Guidelines; and purchase of three framed artworks from “Some Speechless Thing” at Berkeley Art Center.
- Matt Passmore, Chair
 - Kim Anno
 - Dana Blecher
 - Modesto Covarrubias
- a) Berkeley Cultural Trust Representative — Met on February 12, 2020 at Berkeley Art Center 9:00-10:15 a.m.
- Lisa Bullwinkel
- b) Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee Representative — No report.
- Liz Ozol
 - Hiroko Tamano (Alternate)
- c) Design Review — No report
- Modesto Covarrubias
- d) Civic Center Vision Subcommittee — No report.
- Dana Blecher
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Liz Ozol
 - Hiroko Tamano

10. ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn at 8:08 p.m.

Action: M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Covarrubias) to adjourn.

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

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Berkeley Civic Arts Grants FY2020-2021: Grant Award Recommendations
Recommended by the Civic Arts Commission Grants Committee 07/08/2020
Final Award Amounts Pending Approval by the Civic Arts Commissionard Scenarios

Large Arts Organizations	Score	69% Funding for Scores of 70% or Higher	Number of Grants at 70% or Higher
Shawl-Anderson Modern Dance Center	965	\$11,319	1
Small Press Distribution	926.7	\$10,870	1
Shotgun Players, Inc.	913.3	\$10,713	1
Kala Institute	855	\$10,029	1
UC Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive (BAMPFA)	838.3	\$9,833	1
Berkeley Society for the Preservation of Traditional Music	838.3	\$9,833	1
Heyday	831.7	\$9,756	1
Aurora Theatre Company	830	\$9,736	1
Berkeley Repertory Theatre	810	\$9,501	1
Berkeley Symphony Orchestra	801.7	\$9,404	1
Bay Area Children's Theatre	785	\$9,208	1
Cazadero Performing Arts Camp	771.7	\$9,052	1
Julia Morgan Center for the Performing Arts dba Berkeley Playhouse	721.7	\$8,466	1
Berkeley Music Group dba The UC Theatre	718.3	\$8,426	1
Regents of the University of California/Cal Performances	716.7	\$8,407	1
Crowden Music Center	716.7	\$8,407	1
California Jazz Conservatory	706.7	\$8,290	1
Subtotals		\$161,250	17
Mid-Size Arts Organizations	Score	69% Funding for Scores of 67% or Higher	Number of Grants at 67% or Higher
Luna Kids Dance, Inc.	963.3	\$9,305	1
La Peña Cultural Center	928.3	\$8,967	1
Capoeira Arts Foundation, Inc	926.7	\$8,952	1
Gamelan Sekar Jaya	918.3	\$8,871	1
BrasArte The Damasceno Brazilian Cultural Exchange	913.3	\$8,822	1
Berkeley Art Center	890	\$8,597	1
Central Works	888.3	\$8,581	1
Youth Spirit Artworks	873.3	\$8,436	1
Ashkenaz Music & Dance Community Center	865	\$8,356	1
Poetry Flash	853.3	\$8,243	1
Youth Musical Theater Company	840	\$8,114	1
Bay Area Creative BAC	810	\$7,825	1
PLAYGROUND INC	780	\$7,535	1
Berkeley Community Chorus & Orchestra	775	\$7,487	1
Berkeley Film Foundation	766.7	\$7,406	1
Berkeley Ballet Theater	765	\$7,390	1

Name: Jewish Community Center of the East Bay (JCC East Bay) dba JCC East Bay Arts Program	761.7	\$7,358	1
California Institute for Community, Art & Nature	760	\$7,342	1
Young People's Symphony Orchestra Association (DBA YPSO)	758.3	\$7,325	1
Berkeley High School Jazz	728.3	\$7,035	1
Black Repertory Group	725	\$7,004	1
Kairos Music Academy	716.7	\$6,923	1
Berkeley Community Media	715	\$6,907	1
East Bay Media Center	705	\$6,810	1
David Brower Center	675	\$6,521	1
UC Jazz Ensembles	420		
Subtotals		\$196,112	25
Small Arts Organizations	Score	69% Funding for Scores of 68% or Higher	Number of Grants at 68% or Higher
Those Women Productions	935	\$6,452	1
Left Margin LIT	900	\$6,210	1
Milvia Street	881.7	\$6,084	1
Creative Residencies for Emerging Artists Teaching Empowerment (C.R.E.A.T.E.)	843.3	\$5,819	1
Pacific Edge Voices	843.3	\$5,819	1
Antons Well Theater Company	821.7	\$5,670	1
Indra's Net Theater	806.7	\$5,566	1
Play Cafe, Inc.	791.7	\$5,463	1
Sacred & Profane, A Chamber Chorus	780	\$5,382	1
Berkeley Chamber Performances	765	\$5,279	1
New Space Studio	763.3	\$4,503	1
Theatre Lunatico	760	\$5,244	1
Young People's Chamber Orchestra (YPCO)	748.3	\$5,163	1
Actors Ensemble	748.3	\$5,163	1
Bella Musica, Inc	725	\$5,003	1
Chora Nova	710	\$4,899	1
Mothership Hackermoms	706.7	\$4,876	1
Berkeley Choro Ensemble	696.7	\$4,807	1
Inferno Theatre	688.3	\$4,749	1
WEE POETS	635		
The Handel Opera Project	633.3		
Danse Lumière	618.3		
Berkeley Path Wanderers Association	470		
Subtotals		\$102,150	19
Individual Artists	Score	84% Funding for Scores of 70% or Higher	Number of Grants at 70% or Higher
Irene Sazer	898.3	\$3,773	1

Susan (Suzi) Garner	880	\$3,696	1
Joseph Warner	851.7	\$3,578	1
Chingchi Yu	803.3	\$3,374	1
Orin Rutchick	801.7	\$3,368	1
Sonia Gill	791.7	\$3,326	1
Lisa Mezzacappa	773.3	\$3,248	1
Faye Carol	773.3	\$3,248	1
Molly Rose-Williams	770	\$3,234	1
Bruce Bierman	750	\$3,150	1
Lena Wolff	743.3	\$3,122	1
Paulina Berczynski	726.7	\$3,053	1
Michai Freeman	695		
Andree Thompson	685		
Kweli Kitwana	660		
Scott Amendola	643.3		
Imani Karpowich-Smith	621.7		
Steve Taylor	591.7		
Joshua Horowitz	513.3		
Allison Landa	503.3		
Subtotals		\$40,170	12

Large Festivals	Score	33% Funding for Scores of 70% or Higher	Number of Grants at 70% or Higher	Can Pivot to Online Media
FREIGHT FEST	963.3	\$5,404	1	Yes
Bay Area Book Festival	925	\$5,189	1	Yes
California Indian Arts & Culture Festival (2nd Annual)	910	\$5,105	1	Yes
Berkeley Kite Festival	741.7	\$4,161	1	Yes
Solano Avenue Stroll	695			
Subtotals		\$19,859	4	

Mid-Size Festivals	Score	33% Funding for Scores of 70% or Higher	Number of Grants at 70% or Higher	Can Pivot to Online Media
The Second Annual Queering Dance Festival	1000	\$4,620	1	Yes
SF Bay Brazilian Day & Lavagem Festival 2020	968.3	\$4,473	1	Yes
Persian New Year Fire Festival (Chaharshanbeh Souri)	961.7	\$0	0	No
BERKELEY JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL	938.3	\$4,335	1	Yes
Berkeley Old Time Music Convention	921.7	\$4,258	1	Yes
Grateful Day Festival	903.3	\$4,173	1	Yes
28th Annual Berkeley Indigenous Peoples Day Powwow and Market	898.3	\$4,150	1	Yes
Berkeley Video and Film Festival	888.3	\$4,104	1	Yes
Watershed Environmental Poetry Festival	887.5	\$4,100	1	Yes
Dia de Los muertos 2020 (DDLMM)	866.7	\$4,004	1	Yes

Berkeley Festival of Choro 2020: A Celebration of Women in Brazilian Music	836.7	\$3,866	1	Yes
Comunidad de la Placita	833.3	\$3,850	1	Yes
Earth Day 2021	818.3	\$3,780	1	Yes
Telegraph Avenue Holiday Street Fair	818.3	\$3,780	1	Yes
Chocolate & Chalk Art Festival	800	\$3,696	1	Yes
California Black Theater Festival	553.3			
Subtotals		\$57,191	14	
Small Festivals	Score	33% Funding for Scores of 70% or Higher	Number of Grants at 70% or Higher	Can Pivot to Online Media
Berkeley Poetry Festival	910	\$1,502	1	Yes
Inferno Theatre's annual Contemporary Diasporas Festival	860	\$1,419	1	Yes
Subtotals		\$2,921	2	
Total Amount to Arts Orgs and Artists		\$499,682	73	
Total Amount to Festivals		\$79,971	20	
Total Funding Allocations by Scenario		\$579,652	93	
Available Funds		\$580,000		
(Short Fall) or Balance Remaining		\$348		

Balance from Last year funds not used	\$8,000.00
Panelists Fees	\$6,975.00
Highlight indicates Final report was turned in late, award amount adjusted	