



Civic Arts Commission
Office of Economic Development

MINUTES
Civic Arts Commission Meeting
Wednesday, February 24, 2021
6:00 PM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:03 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhési, Ozol, Passmore, Rodriguez.

Commissioners Absent: Slattery.

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

Members of the public in attendance: 2

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

1 speaker

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) January 27, 2021 Draft Minutes

Action: M/S/C (Blecher/Anno) to approve the January 27, 2021 Minutes.

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

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

6. PRESENTATIONS and DISCUSSION

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

a) **2021 Civic Arts Commission Work Plan**

Action: M/S/C (Ozol/Dhesi) to approve 2021 Civic Arts Commission Work Plan.

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

b) **Election of Chair and Vice Chair**

Action: M/S/C (Passmore/Blecher) to approve Modesto Covarrubias as Chair and Lisa Bullwinkel as Vice Chair of the Civic Arts Commission.

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

c) **Letter to Council regarding vandalism of William Bryon Rumford**

8. STAFF REPORT

- a) Update on William Byron Rumford Statue
- b) Update on Berkeley Art Works Projects grant review committee
- c) Upcoming Cube Space and BART Plaza Sound Installations
- d) Update on Art Space Study

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants — No meeting in February 2021.
 - John Slattery, Chair
 - Kim Anno
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
- b) Policy — Met on February 11 to finalize the 2021 Civic Arts Commission Work Plan.
 - Kim Anno, Chair
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Liz Ozol
 - Joshua Sifuentes Rodriguez
- c) Public Art — Met on February 11 to discuss allowable uses of public art funds.
 - Matt Passmore, Chair
 - Kim Anno
 - Dana Blecher
 - Modesto Covarrubias
- d) Berkeley Cultural Trust Representative

- Lisa Bullwinkel
- e) Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee Representative
- Liz Ozol
 - Riti Dhesi added to this committee
- f) Design Review — Two new members have been appointed to the Design Review Committee. Commissioner Covarrubias will continue to serve on the Design Review Committee in the short term to help with continuity on that committee.
- Modesto Covarrubias
- g) Civic Center Visioning Subcommittee — Met on February 22 to discuss the goals and purpose of the subcommittee. It was decided that this group would not continue to be a committee of the Civic Arts Commission. Instead it will be a committee of the Citizens for a Cultural Civic Center called the “Civic Center Arts Hub Exploratory Group.”
- Dana Blecher
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Liz Ozol
- h) Artists Affordable Housing Committee Representative — This committee is comprised of stakeholders interested in developing policy related to affordable housing for artists and has been meeting on a regular basis to discuss the use of empty storefront spaces in Berkeley as potential affordable housing for artists.
- Kim Anno

10. COMMUNICATION

- a) Letter from Carolyn Moore

11. ADJOURNMENT Adjourn 7:10 PM

Action: M/S/C (Passmore/Anno) to adjourn commission meeting.

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

Staff Contact:

Jennifer Lovvorn

Secretary to the Civic Arts Commission

Berkeley, CA 94704

(510) 981-7533

jlovvorn@cityofberkeley.info

Communications to Berkeley boards, commissions or committees are public record and will become part of the City’s electronic records, which are accessible through the City’s website.

Please note: e-mail addresses, names, addresses, and other contact information are not required, but if included in any communication to a City board, commission or committee, will become part of the public record. If you do not want your e-mail address or any other contact information to be made public, you may deliver communications via U.S. Postal Service or in person to the secretary of the relevant board, commission or committee. If you do not want your contact information included in the public record, please do not include that information in your communication. Please contact the secretary to the relevant board, commission or committee for further information.

ADA Disclaimer

To request a disability-related accommodation(s) to participate in the meeting, including auxiliary aids or services, please contact the Disability Services specialist at 981-6418 (V) or 981-6347 (TDD) at least three business days before the meeting date.