



Civic Arts Commission
Office of Economic Development

MINUTES
Civic Arts Commission Meeting
Wednesday, May 26, 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, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Slattery.

Commissioners Absent: Rodriguez.

Staff Present: Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary/Chief Cultural Affairs Officer.

Members of the public in attendance: 4

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

None.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) **April 28, 2021 Draft Minutes**

Action: M/S/C (Blecher/Bullwinkel) to approve the April 28, 2021 Minutes.

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

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a) The Chair stated that the City's Fiscal Year 2022 budget process is underway and reminded Commissioners about the dates for upcoming Council budget hearings.

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

a) **FY22 Civic Art Grant Awards – Base Grant Award and Supplemental Amount Scenarios**

Action: M/S/C (Anno/Bullwinkel) to approve both FY22 Civic Art Grant Awards Scenarios – Base Grant Award Scenario and Supplemental Award Amount Scenario.

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

b) **Draft Public Art Ordinance**

Action: M/S/C (Anno/Passmore) to approve the Draft Public Art Ordinance and send to Council.

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

c) **Donation of framed artwork from the Civic Center Exhibition: Artist Tony Kay, "Evidence" 2018, 25 ¼ x 31 ¼ inches, Photocollage, archival pigment print, value \$650.**

Action: M/S/C (Blecher/Dhesi) to approve acceptance into the Berkeley Civic Art Collection a donation from the artist Tony Kay of a framed artwork from the Civic Center Exhibition: "Evidence" by Tony Kay, 2018, 25 ¼ x 31 ¼ inches, Photocollage, archival pigment print, value \$650.

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

d) **Approval of design for Earthsong sign with bell by Wang Po Shu.**

Action: M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Passmore) to approve design for Earthsong sign with bell by Wang Po Shu.

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

e) **Approval of Berkeley Art Works Project Grants – May 2021 Panel Results.**

Action: M/S/C (Anno/Ozol) to approve the Berkeley Art Works Project Grants as recommended by the panel from their May 2021 panel meeting.

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

7. **PRESENTATIONS and DISCUSSION**

- a) Civic Center Fundraising Discussion

8. **STAFF REPORT**

- a) Rumford statue – Lighting complete
b) Affordable Housing for Artists and Cultural Workers Study

- c) BART Sound Installation by Danny Clay – Running through August 23
- d) San Pablo Park Public Art – Installation nearly complete
- e) North Berkeley Senior Center Public Art – Installation of final element schedule for June
- f) BEARS Summer Art Program – Program to run this summer

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants — Met on May 13 to determine FY22 Civic Art Grant award recommendations.
 - John Slattery, Chair
 - Kim Anno
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Liz Ozol

- b) Policy — Met on May 20 to discuss and edit the affordable housing document and review the Public Art Ordinance.
 - Kim Anno, Chair
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Liz Ozol
 - Joshua Sifuentes Rodriguez

- c) Public Art — Met on May 14 to discuss the utility box mural program, design for the sign with bell for *Earth Song* by Wang Po Shu, donation of *Evidence* by Tony Kay, and the Public Art Ordinance.
 - Matt Passmore, Chair
 - Kim Anno
 - Dana Blecher
 - Modesto Covarrubias

- d) Representative on Berkeley Cultural Trust — Met on May 12 to work on advocacy for arts reopening grant funds and an increase to festival grant funds.
 - Lisa Bullwinkel

- e) Representatives on Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee — Met on May 24 to discuss a draft report by Commissioner Ozol on arts education offerings at Malcolm X Elementary School.
 - Liz Ozol
 - Riti Dhesi

- f) Representative on Design Review Committee — Met on May 20 to review three projects: 2000 University Avenue, 3000 San Pablo Avenue, and 2136 San Pablo Avenue.
 - Modesto Covarrubias

- g) Representative on Ad-Hoc Artists Affordable Housing Committee — This group has been working on the referral to Council and may consider separating it into two separate referrals to allow the policy for existing vacant storefront spaces to move forward sooner.
- Kim Anno

10. COMMUNICATION

11. ADJOURNMENT Adjourn 7:34 PM

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

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

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