



Meeting Minutes
Civic Arts Commission Meeting
Wednesday, February 28, 2024
6:00 PM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:11pm

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ibarra, Passmore, Pineda, Woo.

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: Hilary Amnah, Grants Program Lead; Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary/Chief Cultural Affairs Officer; Mark Salinas, Public Art Program Lead.

Members of the public present: 1

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (for items not on the agenda): 1

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a) Commission Agenda Items Format (Subcommittee Action Items Introduced/Presented by Subcommittee Chairs)

6. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS (All items for presentation, discussion and possible action)

- a) **Action Item:** Chair and Vice Chair Election
M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Anno) to approve Dana Blecher as Chair.
Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ibarra, Passmore, Pineda, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — None.
Public Comment: 0

M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Dhesi) to approve Cameron Woo as Vice Chair.

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

- b) **Action Item:** Approval of FY24 Public Art Budget
M/S/C (Anno/Covarrubias) to approve FY24 Public Art Budget.
Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ibarra, Passmore, Pineda, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — None.
Public Comment: 0
- c) **Presentation:** Report out from Californians for the Arts Regional Meetings
Presented by Commissioner Lisa Bullwinkel
Public Comment: 0
- d) **Presentation:** California Arts and Culture Summit
Presented by Commissioner Lisa Bullwinkel
Public Comment: 0
- e) **Presentation:** Affordable Housing for Artists Updates Introduced by
Commissioner Kim Anno and Presented by Jennifer Lovvorn.
 - (i) New State Law AB 812 "Housing development approvals: reserving affordable units in or near a cultural district for artists"
 - (ii) Establishment of Black Arts and Culture District in Berkeley
 - (iii) Council Referral "Development of Artists Affordable Housing Certification Program"Public Comment: 0

7. STAFF REPORT

- a) Civic Arts Updates, Jennifer Lovvorn
- b) Grants Program Updates, Hilary Amnah
- c) Public Art Program Updates, Mark Salinas

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants – No report
 - Dana Blecher, Chair
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Cameron Woo
- b) Public Art – Recent presentation by Immersive Arts Alliance
 - Matt Passmore, Chair
 - Kim Anno
 - Riti Dhesi

- Cristina Ibarra
- c) Policy Subcommittee – No report
- Kim Anno, Chair
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Cameron Woo
- d) Joint Subcommittee with Housing Advisory Commission – Refer to Item 6E
- Kim Anno, Chair
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Cameron Woo
- e) Representative on Design Review Committee – 2136 San Pablo review
- Cameron Woo

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


- a) None

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) **Action Item:** M/S/C (Ibarra/Dhesi) to approve Draft Minutes of December 6, 2023 Meeting
 Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dhesi, Ibarra, Passmore, Woo;
 Nays — None; Abstain — Covarrubias, Pineda; Absent — None.
 Public Comment: 0

11. ADJOURNMENT 7:55 PM

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

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