



Civic Arts Commission  
Office of Economic Development

**MINUTES**  
**Civic Arts Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 28, 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, Rodriguez, Slattery.

**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:** 4

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

1 speaker

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) **March 24, 2021 Draft Minutes**

**Action:** M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Dhesi) to approve the March 24, 2021 Minutes.

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

**5. CHAIR'S REPORT**

- a) Revisit Commissioner roles on subcommittees – Chair asked if Commissioners had interest in joining different committees. Commissioner Ozol volunteered to step down from the policy committee and join the grants committee. Commissioner Covarrubias joined the policy committee.

## 6. **PRESENTATIONS and DISCUSSION**

- a) Municipal Artists-in-Residence presentation by Ellen Lake, Executive Director of Kala Art Institute, and artists-in-residence, Lara Kaur and Christine Wong Yap.

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

- a) **Approval of slate of Berkeley Art Works Project Grants**

**Action:** M/S/C (Covarrubias/Ozol) to approve slate of Berkeley Art Works Project Grants as recommended by the review panel. Staff will work with those artists on the approved slate who need to resolve any final details before projects are implemented.

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

- b) **Draft Public Art Ordinance** — no action taken.

- c) **Affordable Housing for Artists Draft Referral**

**Action:** M/S/C (Anno/Bullwinkel) to approve Affordable Housing for Artists Draft Referral in concept and forward to the Policy Committee for final review before it is sent to Council.

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

- d) **Budget Referral Requests: Arts reopening grant funds, Capital improvement grant funds, and Restoration of festival grant funds to \$158,315 and \$53,350 of public art funds deferred during FY21 budget process.**

**Action:** M/S/C (Anno/Rodriguez) to approve communication to Council regarding FY22 Budget and Civic Art Grants Funding.

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

- e) **Approval of budget allocation in the amount of \$2,254 for a mosaic tile border art project by Priscilla Hine from the Cultural Trust Fund (Fund 148) FY21 contingency funds.**

**Action:** M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Anno) to approve the budget allocation for Priscilla Hine's project.

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

- f) **Approval of budget allocation in the amount of \$35,000 for tile placemaking art project at Aquatic Park from the Cultural Trust Fund (Fund 148) FY21 contingency funds, to match funds provided by Parks.**

**Action:** M/S/C (Anno/Passmore) to approve the budget allocation of matching funds for tile place making art project at Aquatic Park.

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

## **8. STAFF REPORT**

- a) Project Updates
- b) Private Percent for Art Quarterly Report
- c) Festival Quarterly Report
- d) Individual Artist Grantee Presentations – Scheduling for Fall 2021

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Grants — No meeting in April 2021. Next meeting will be May 13, 2021.
  - John Slattery, Chair
  - Kim Anno
  - Lisa Bullwinkel
- b) Policy — Met on April 26 to discuss and edit the affordable housing document.
  - Kim Anno, Chair
  - Lisa Bullwinkel
  - Liz Ozol
  - Joshua Sifuentes Rodriguez
- c) Public Art — Met on April 22 to discuss public art ordinance and Priscilla Hines mosaic project. Additionally, Council Member Terry Taplin attended the meeting to request more investment in art at Aquatic Park more broadly. John Caner from Downtown Berkeley Association joined the meeting to discuss the utility box mural program.
  - Matt Passmore, Chair
  - Kim Anno
  - Dana Blecher
  - Modesto Covarrubias
- d) Representative on Berkeley Cultural Trust — Met on April 13. Sharon Dolan has stepped down as chair and the new co-chairs are Daniel Nevers and Tim. They are working on advocacy for arts reopening grant funds and the restoration of festival grant funds.
  - Lisa Bullwinkel
- e) Representatives on Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee — Met on April 26 and discussed State reopening updates and the school district’s plans for reopening.
  - Liz Ozol

- Riti Dhesi
- f) Representative on Design Review Committee — The committee continues to review a lot of projects and Commissioner Blecher attended the last meeting and is considering becoming the Commission’s design review representative.
- Modesto Covarrubias
- g) Representatives on Civic Center Arts Hub Exploratory Group — This group has decided to disband.
- Dana Blecher
  - Lisa Bullwinkel
  - Liz Ozol
- h) Representative on Ad-Hoc Artists Affordable Housing Committee — This group has been working on the document that was reviewed at this meeting.
- Kim Anno

## 10. COMMUNICATION

## 11. ADJOURNMENT Adjourn 8:11 PM

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

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

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