



Civic Arts Commission  
Office of Economic Development

**MINUTES**  
**Civic Arts Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, December 9, 2020**  
**6:00 PM**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER 6:02 PM**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present:** Anno (arrived at 6:20 PM), Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Tamano.

**Commissioners Absent:** Slattery (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 (for items not on the agenda)**

None

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) **September 23, 2020 Draft Minutes**

**Action:** M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Anno) to approve the September 23, 2020 Minutes with the name correction of Steve Finacom in chair's report.

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

## 5. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a) The chair thanked outgoing Commissioner Jennifer Ross for her dedicated service on the Civic Arts Commission. The commission welcomed her to come back as a community member anytime at future meetings.
- b) The chair invited Commissioner Anno to speak on efforts by an ad hoc group of stakeholders to increase affordable artist housing. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 21, 2020 at noon. Please use the Zoom meeting ID 290 1801 240 to access the meeting where they will be discussing use of vacant storefront spaces for artist housing in the City of Berkeley.
- c) The chair reminded the commission about upcoming elections for Commission Chair and Vice Chair in February. Commissioner Bullwinkel has served a two-year term as chair and a new chair will need to be elected, along with the election of a vice chair.

## 6. PRESENTATIONS and DISCUSSION

- a) Civic Center Vision Update – Eleanor Hollander, Acting Office of Economic Development Manager.
- b) FY21 Work Plan Discussion – Deadline to finalize FY21 Work Plan is February 2021.

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

- a) **Letter to Council regarding arts and cultural uses of Civic Center buildings and park**  
**Action:** M/S/C (Anno/Covarrubias) to approve letter to Council regarding arts and cultural uses of Civic Center buildings and park.  
**Vote:** Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Tamano;  
Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Slattery.  
**Public Comment: 1 speaker**
- b) **Public Art Budgets for Fiscal Year 2021 (July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021)**  
**Action:** M/S/C (Passmore/Blecher) to approve public art budgets for Fiscal Year 2021.  
**Vote:** Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Tamano;  
Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Slattery.
- c) **Approval of design for companion mosaic, "Tails" by Diana Maria Rossi, for opposite side of wall at Live Oak Park playground where "Good Fortune" will be installed**  
**Action:** M/S/C (Anno/Ozol) to approve companion mosaic, "Tails" by Diana Maria Rossi.  
**Vote:** Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Tamano;  
Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Slattery.

d) **Proposal by Mildred Howard for triangular plot of land adjacent to south end of Ashby BART parking lot at Adeline St. and MLK Jr. Way**

**Action:** M/S/C (Ross/Blecher) to approve proposal by Mildred Howard for sculpture at triangular plot of land adjacent to south end of Ashby Bart parking lot at Adeline St. and MLK Jr Way with direction to explore including lighting.

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

e) **Purchase of artwork from Civic Center Exhibition**

**Action:** M/S/C (Anno/Ozol) to approve artwork purchases from Civic Center Exhibition.

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

f) **Prequalified Public Art Consultants List**

**Action:** M/S/C (Anno/Ross) to approve prequalified public art consultants list.

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

g) **Extension of Home sculpture display on Downtown Berkeley BART Plaza to June 2022**

**Action:** M/S/C (Blecher/Ross) to approve extension of Home sculpture display on Downtown Berkeley BART Plaza to June 2022.

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

h) **2021 Commission meeting schedule**

**Action:** M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Anno) to approve 2021 commission meeting schedule.

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

i) **COVID-19 Recovery Temporary Art Program Plan**

**Action:** M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Ozol) to approve COVID-19 Recovery Art Program Plan.

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

## **8. STAFF REPORT**

- a) Update on Public Art Projects: Big People removal, Toki sculpture installation, new sound installation, new Cube Space exhibition, and selection of artists for Municipal Artist-in-Residence with Kala Art Institute.
- b) Public Art Collection Inventory and Assessment – Final Report.

## **9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### a. Grants

- John Slattery, Chair
- Kim Anno
- Lisa Bullwinkel to be added to Grants Committee

### b. Policy

- Kim Anno, Chair
- Lisa Bullwinkel
- Liz Ozol
- Jennifer Ross

### c. Public Art

- 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

### f. Design Review

- Modesto Covarrubias

g. Civic Center Vision Subcommittee

- Dana Blecher
- Lisa Bullwinkel
- Liz Ozol
- Hiroko Tamano

## **10. COMMUNICATION**

- a) Email from member of the public regarding Big People removal

## **11. ADJOURNMENT** Adjourn 8:30 PM

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