



Civic Arts Commission  
Office of Economic Development

## Minutes Civic Arts Commission

Wednesday, March 27, 2019 at 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch Library, 1901 Russell St., Berkeley, CA 94703

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

6:01 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Kim Anno, Dana Blecher, Lisa Bullwinkel, Modesto Covarrubias, Liz Ozol, Matthew Passmore, John Slattery

Late: Jennifer Ross (Arrived 6:03 p.m.), Hiroko Tamano (Arrived: 6:11 p.m.)

Staff: Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary & Chief Cultural Affairs Officer and Mara Engelson, Civic Arts Analyst

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

A member of the public addressed the Commission regarding the current sound art installation at the downtown Berkeley BART Plaza. He stated that sound art piece is disturbing to him and others who work at a business adjacent to the plaza due to the sound piece being so short and repeating so often. He recommended that future sound installations be much longer so that there are not repetitive sounds.

Harold Adler of Art House Gallery and Cultural Center introduced himself to the Commission and he invited the Commissioners to visit Art House which is located at 2905 Shattuck.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) January 23, 2019 Draft Minutes (Attachment #1)

**Correction:** Kim Anno stated for the record that she had contested the value of the artwork approved with Action item E.

**Action:** (Motion/Second: Anno/Blecher) Motion to approve minutes from January 23,

2019 Civic Arts Commission Meeting noting Commissioner Anno's statement for the record.

Ayes: Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Slattery, Tamano;  
Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None

b) February 9, 2019 Special Meeting Draft Minutes (Attachment #2)

**Action:** (Motion/Second: Ozol/Passmore) Motion to approve minutes from February 9, 2019 Special Meeting Draft Minutes (Attachment #2)

Ayes: Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Slattery, Tamano;  
Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None

c) February 27, 2019 Draft Minutes (Attachment #3)

**Action:** (Motion/Second: Anno/Covarrubias) Motion to approve minutes from February 27, 2019.

Ayes: Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Slattery, Tamano;  
Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None

## 5. **CHAIR'S REPORT**

- a) Chair Lisa Bullwinkel gave an update on City Council Action regarding Cannabis Regulations and Art Space. She reported that the Civic Arts Commission's recommendation that the Council consider protections of art spaces was submitted too late in the process for the set of regulations that are currently being reviewed by Council for approval. She will work with her Council Member to submit the request to the Cannabis Commission to be taken up later.
- b) Regarding the City Council action on Measure T1 Projects, no Civic Arts Commissioners attended the March 26 Council meeting. Commission Secretary Jennifer Lovvorn offered to find out the results and report back to the Commission.
- c) Regarding Short Term Rental Tax Revenue, Chair Bullwinkel shared the calculations she did on the projected revenues for FY20 relative to the prior pledge made by Council to allocate one third of the revenues to the arts. This issue is part of the discussions with Berkeley Cultural Trust and their advocacy efforts to increase the Civic Arts Grants budget.
- d) Regarding Berkeley Cultural Trust's budget advocacy, she reported that members of BCT have been visiting Council members to advocate for an increase to the Civic Arts Grants budget.
- e) Regarding the thank you letter to Meyer Sound from Civic Arts Commission for their donation of sound equipment to Berkeley Unified School District, she stated that she was informed by the City Clerk that Commissions cannot send letters to outside entities. Instead such letters can be sent personally.

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

- a) Approve letter from Civic Arts Commission to Meyer Sound – Motion Tabled
- b) Public Art Guidelines Revisions (Artwork Gifts Policy, Artwork Deaccession Policy and Memorial Artwork Policy) (Attachment #5)  
**Action:** (Motion/Second: Covarrubias/Blecher) Motion to approve Public Art Guidelines Revisions (Artwork Gifts Policy, Artwork Deaccession Policy and Memorial Artwork Policy).  
Ayes: Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Slattery, Tamano;  
Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None
- c) Election of new Vice Chair  
**Action:** (Motion/Second: Passmore/Ross) Motion to have Kim Anno be vice-chair.  
Ayes: Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Slattery, Tamano;  
Nays: None; Abstain: Anno; Absent: None
- d) Civic Arts Commission representative to Design Review Committee  
**Action:** (Motion/Second: Passmore/Anno) Motion to have Modesto Covarrubias be the Civic Arts Commission representative to the Design Review Committee.  
Ayes: Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Slattery, Tamano;  
Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None
- e) Civic Arts Commission representative to Berkeley Cultural Trust  
**Action:** (Motion/Second: Anno/Passmore) Motion that Jennifer Ross be the representative to the Berkeley Cultural Trust.  
Ayes: Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Slattery, Tamano;  
Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None
- f) Civic Arts Commission representative to Berkeley Cultural Trust Executive Committee.  
**Action:** (Motion/Second: Anno/Passmore) Motion that Lisa Bullwinkel be the representative to the Berkeley Cultural Trust Executive Committee.  
Ayes: Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Slattery, Tamano;  
Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None
- g) Request Audit by City Auditor of 1.5% Public Art Revenue.  
**Action:** (Motion/Second: Covarrubias/Blecher) Motion to request an Audit from the City Auditor on the 1.5% Public Art Revenue.  
Ayes: Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Slattery, Tamano;  
Nays: None; Abstain: None; Absent: None
7. **PRESENTATIONS and DISCUSSION** (*All items for discussion only and no action*)  
Civic Arts Commission Mission Statement & Cultural Equity Statement. (Attachment #6) Referred this to the Policy Committee.

## 8. **STAFF REPORT**

- a) Update on Chancellor's Community Partnership Fund Applications.: Two applications were submitted and we were invited to submit a full application for one: the BEARS summer art program with Berkeley Rep and Kala for a 4 week long summer art intensive program with theater for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders and visual art for 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders.
- b) Update on New Funding for Art Space Study from Hewlett Foundation: Hewlett will be funding an art space assessment to formulate strategies for creating and maintaining affordable art spaces for arts organizations and affordable housing for artists and cultural workers. The grant funding requires Council approval and then staff will do a procurement process to select a consultant to do the study.
- c) Update on Grants Review Process: There were two technical assistance workshops held in March. Next step is approval of Grants Review Panelists by Commission, which will be on April 24. Panel Review Meetings will be held May 1 – 13. Grants Committee will meet May 14 or 15 to make funding level recommendations based upon the grant panel scores.
- d) Civic Center Exhibition opened March 1, 2019, and will be up through February 2020.
- e) Telegraph Avenue Completed Trash Receptacle Mosaics. (Attachment #7)  
Images of the first six completed mosaics were presented.

## 9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Grants - No Report
  - John Slattery, Chair
  - Kim Anno
- b) Policy - No Report
  - Kim Anno, Chair
  - Lisa Bullwinkel
  - Liz Ozol
  - Jennifer Ross
- c) Public Art - Commissioner Passmore reported on last meeting where the committee reviewed the possible installation location for the Toki sculpture, discussed the public art budget and reviewed the Public Art Guidelines revisions.
  - Matt Passmore, Chair
  - Kim Anno
  - Dana Blecher
  - Modesto Covarrubias

- d) Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee Representative - BAESC will meet in April.
  - Liz Ozol
- e) Design Review - No Commission Representative during the last month.

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS and COMMUNICATIONS**

- a) Email Communication from Summer Brenner regarding art on BART Plaza. (Attachment #8)

**12. ADJOURNMENT 7:43 p.m.**

**Attachments:**

1. January 23, 2019 Draft Minutes
2. February 9, 2019 Special Meeting Draft Minutes
3. February 27, 2019 Draft Minutes
4. Thank you letter to Meyer Sound from Civic Arts Commission
5. Public Art Guidelines Revisions
6. Civic Arts Commission Mission Statement Draft
7. Telegraph Avenue Completed Trash Receptacle Mosaics
8. Email Communication from Summer Brenner

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