

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017 – 5:00 P.M.**

*Location: Community Meeting Room – West Hollywood City Hall  
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Madeleine Rackley at 5:00 p.m.

**A. Pledge of Allegiance:** Vice Chair Lee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. Roll Call:**

Present: Commission Vice Chair Catherine Lee and Commissioner Candice Beroukhim, Commissioner, Commissioner Rogerio Carneiro, J. Dallas Dishman, Commissioner Dawn Moreno-Freedman

Absent: Commissioner Todd Williamson

Also Present: Arts Administrator Andrew Campbell  
Administrative Specialist IV/Recording Secretary Prentis Bonds  
Economic Development and Cultural Affairs Coordinator Mike Che

**C. Approval of the Agenda:**

**Motioned approval of the April 27, 2017 meeting agenda by Commissioner Dishman seconded by Vice Chair Lee and approved.**

**D. Approval of the March 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

**Motioned by Dishman, seconded by Vice Chair Lee and approved.**

**E. Introduction:**

The Commission was introduced to West Hollywood City Poet Kim Dower who read of Ode to West Hollywood

**F. Public Comment**

TAI SUNNANON, WEST HOLLYWOOD, spoke in support of West Hollywood's arts programs and the variety of opportunities afforded to local artists.

**II. CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following routine matters were acted upon by one motion. There were no items removed from the Consent Calendar for separate discussion under Excluded Consent.

**Motioned by Vice Chair Lee seconded by Commissioner Dishman and approved.**

**A. Posting of the Agenda**

The agenda was posted per proper noticing procedures at City Hall, Plummer Park, West Hollywood Library and West Hollywood Sheriff's Station.

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

## **B. Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee Report**

The Commission received and filed reports from the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee on its meeting held April 13, 2017 and consider ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

### **ACTIONS:**

1. Approval of two (2) HATCH-Digital Filmmaker Incubator Pilot Grants of \$1,000 each to Ann P. Meredith for the unscripted film project "Lost Girls" and Jason Jenn for the scripted film project, "StuartTour2017."

**Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

2. Approval of seven (7) Transgender Arts Initiative Grants in the total amount of \$28,250 to various organizations and individual artists including: Alexis Del Lago, Adam Dugas and Zackary Drucker (\$2,850) for a music cabaret project; Carman Spoto (\$2,850) for a screening of the film "What Color is Blue;" From the Heart/Emperor Norton Productions, LLC (\$2,850) for a screening of the film "Nelly Queen: The Life and Time of Jose Sarria;" Gender Revolution Arts Collective/#Transisart by TEEP for the photography exhibition, "The New Normal/Trans Professional Series;" The Los Angeles LGBT Center (\$5,000) for the artmaking workshop, "Transgenerational: The Elders' Vision;" Trans Chorus of Los Angeles (\$4,850) for the production of a concert apart from the City's Transgender Day of Remembrance and organizational development/technical assistance support; and Trans Life LA (\$5,000) for a two-day Pop-up film School.

**Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

3. Received and filed Winter and Summers Sounds 2018-2019 Strategic Direction

4. Received and filed WeHo Arts Grants Program Strategic Direction

## **III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **A. Art on the Outside Subcommittee Report**

The Commission received a report from the Art on the Outside Subcommittee on its meeting held April, 27, 2017, and ratified the following recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee:

#### **ACTIONS:**

1. Approval the temporary art project proposal by IF, Innovation Foundation for an exhibition featuring *Leave of Absence* by artist Kang Seung Lee for installation on the electronic billboard at 8410 Santa Monica Boulevard from August 28 – June 30, 2017. **Motioned by Commissioner Beroukhim, seconded by Commission Chair Rackley**
2. Approval of muralists Ben Soleimani, Daniel Lahoda and Grant Young for inclusion on the WEHO Muralist Roster in accordance with the West Hollywood Mural Program guidelines.  
**Motioned by Commissioner Dishman seconded by Commission Vice Chair Lee and approved noting the no vote of Commissioner Beroukhim**

3. Approval of the Commercial Business Mural Application submitted by Minda Heyman for 8949 Santa Monica Boulevard featuring an artwork by Daniel Lahoda as art and not creative signage.  
**Motioned by Commissioner Dishman seconded by Commissioner Carvalho and approved.**
4. Approval of the Commercial Business Mural Application submitted by Raphael Farasat for 8495 Sunset Boulevard (Pink Dot) featuring an artwork by Grant Young as art and not creative signage.  
**Motioned by Commissioner Beroukhim seconded by Commission Chair Rackley and approved.**
5. Approval of Commercial Business Mural Application for 8650 Melrose Avenue (BMB Investments) featuring a work (Scheme A) by Ben Solemani as art and not creative signage. **Motioned by Commissioner Dishman seconded by Commissioner Moreno Freedman and approved.**

**IV. *WeHo Arts: The Plan* STUDY SESSION PART II (5:20 P.M.)**

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission considered priorities and opportunities identified during the March ACAC study session; and discussed any overlap between *The Plan* and other larger cultural strategic initiatives.

**V. EXCLUDED CONSENT**

None

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Carvalho announced his appointment to the City's Planning Commission.

Commissioner Dishman spoke concerning WEHO ARTS: The Plan, and the importance of taking art and art engagement opportunities to underserved communities in the City.

Commissioner Moreno Freedman spoke favorably about Drag Queen Storytime at the West Hollywood Library and announced the next Drag Queen Storytime will be held June 3, 2017.

**VIII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF**

Art Coordinator Michael Che reported on National Poetry Month 2017.

**IX. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

The Commission requested that staff agenzize a discussion items regarding the application and review process for the West Hollywood Muralist Roster and the Commercial Business Mural Program for the May 25, 2017 meeting agenda.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned 6:34 p.m., its meeting scheduled May 25, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Meeting Room – West Hollywood City Hall, 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

AYES: Commissioner: Beroukhim, Carvalho, Dishman, Moreno  
Freedman, and Commission Chair Rackley and  
Commission Vice Chair Catherine Lee  
NOES: Commissioner: None  
ABSENT: Commissioner: Williamson  
ABSTAIN Commissioner: None



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MADELEINE RACKLEY, CHAIR

ATTEST:



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SECRETARY