

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, May 27, 2021 – 5:00 P.M.
*Teleconference Meeting***

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Williamson at 5:02 PM.

A. Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Williamson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call:

Present: Commissioner Mito Aviles
Commissioner Lindsey Deaton
Commissioner Dan Faltz
Commissioner Catherine Lee
Commissioner Dawn Moreno-Freedman
Commission Vice Chair Martin Gantman
Commission Chair Todd Williamson

Also Present: Administrative Specialist IV/Recording Secretary Moya Márquez
Arts Coordinator Michael Che
Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff
Arts Technician Joy Tribble

C. Approval of the Agenda:

ACTION: Approval of the May 27, 2021 meeting agenda was **motioned by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman, seconded by Commissioner Aviles, and approved unanimously.**

D. Approval of the April 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes

ACTION: Approval of the April 22, 2021 meeting minutes was **motioned by Commissioner Gantman seconded by Commissioner Faltz, and approved unanimously.**

E. Public Comment

None.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following routine matter was acted upon by one motion.

ACTION: Approval of the Consent Calendar as amended was **motioned by Commissioner Faltz, seconded by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman and approved unanimously.**

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: Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee Report

The Commission received a report from the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee on its meeting held May 13, 2021 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

Commissioner Faltz shared that the Subcommittee reviewed a list of 77 peer review panelists for the grant process, and approved the list of 77, while recommending that staff use the grant panel process as an opportunity for professional development for underrepresented groups in arts management and leadership. They also asked staff to look for different diverse communities to recruit as panelists in future calls through local arts networks like the Getty Marrow Internship Program and the Arts for LA ACTIVATE program.

Commissioner Faltz also shared that the Subcommittee reviewed the Community Arts Grant applications and selected four applications to award. The Commission ratified this decision.

Commissioner Faltz also reported that WeHo Artist Grant has received additional one-time funding for \$35,000 from Council, to be distributed as \$5,000 grants for 7 performing artists. The guidelines were approved by the Commission and the applications will be reviewed at the next PACA Meeting in June.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Receive and file the Performing Art Subcommittee Report, and consider ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.
- 2) Approve funding for four (4) Community Arts Grants to Big Sunday, Jazz Spectrum, Inc., Age Inclusion in Media, and Saturday Night Bath Concert Fund for \$2,000 each for 2021-2022 **motioned by Commissioner Gantman, seconded by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman and approved unanimously.**
- 3) Approve the WeHo Artist Performance Grant Guidelines, **motioned by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman, seconded by Commissioner Aviles, and approved unanimously.**
- 4) Approve Classical Theatre Lab and Infinite Jest Theatre Company to present virtual theatrical productions in 2021 for the City's Free Theatre Program **motioned by Commissioner Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Lee and approved unanimously.**

B. Art on the Outside Subcommittee Report

The Commission received a report from the Art on the Outside Subcommittee on its meeting held May 27, 2021 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

Commissioner Lee reported that the Subcommittee reviewed proposals from five artists for an interior mural at the Werle Building, and selected artist Forest Wolf Kell pending an edit to the proposed artwork.

Commissioner Lee also reported that the Subcommittee received a presentation from Orange Barrel Media for the artwork *Truth Be Told* by Nick Cave for installation at the Sunset Spectacular electronic billboard at 8775 Sunset. The artwork is scheduled to run alongside The Propellor Group's artwork that is currently on display through the end of July 2021, and will then be displayed on its own for the duration of August.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Received and filed the Art on the Outside Subcommittee Report.
- 2) Approve the proposal from artist Forest Wolf Kell with the proviso that he submit an updated work with color that considers extending elements beyond the boundaries of the square, and also approve the proposal from artist Miss Brightside as a backup artist and artwork, for an interior mural at the Werle Building, 626 N Robertson Blvd **motioned by Commissioner Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Gantman and approved unanimously.**
- 3) Approve the temporary video project proposal by Orange Barrel Media for *Truth Be Told, 2021* by Nick Cave for installation on the electronic billboards at 8775 Sunset Boulevard from 5/28/21 – 8/31/21, **motioned by Commissioner Aviles, seconded by Commissioner Faltz and approved unanimously.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

None.

V. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Williamson reminded the Commission that the Items from Commissioner section of the agenda is not to be used for back-and-forth discussion of items.

Commissioner Lee introduced herself to the new Commissioners, Commissioner Aviles, and Deaton.

Commissioner Moreno-Freedman shared that she was recently published in a poetry publication with an eleven-word poem about the pandemic. She read her poem: "A year without touch/a year without connecting/we can hug now."

Commissioner Faltz shared that he has been enjoying the WeHo Reads series.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Arts Technician, Joy Tribble, announced that WeHo Live will begin in July. The application for WeHo Live closes Wednesday, June 2, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

Grants Coordinator, Eva Angeloff, asked that the Commission share the WeHo Artist – Performance grant with their contacts. The application closes next week.

Recording Secretary, Moya Márquez, shared that the 9x9 Mural opportunity at the ground floor of West Hollywood Park’s 5 Story Parking Structure is still open until June 9th. They asked the Commission to share this information with any of their contacts.

Arts Coordinator, Mike Che, shared that the One City One Pride LGBTQ+ Arts Festival has begun. There are about 20 free programs and exhibits as part of One City One Pride this year. He also shared that the new Art on the Outside Temporary Exhibit *Meringue* was also officially installed at the median of Santa Monica and Doheny.

IX. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Commission authorized staff to develop the agenda for the meeting on Thursday, June 24, 2021.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned at 6:06 PM to its regularly scheduled meeting on June 24, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. via teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION ON THIS 24th DAY OF JUNE 2021.

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Todd Williamson
TODD WILLIAMSON,
COMMISSION CHAIR

ATTEST:

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MOYA MARQUEZ,
RECORDING SECRETARY