

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.
TELECONFERENCE MEETING***

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Faltz at 5:01 p.m.

A. Land Acknowledgement: Chair Faltz read the Land Acknowledgement.

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Chair Faltz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call:

Present: Commissioner Lindsey Deaton
Commissioner Martin Gantman
Commission Vice Chair Mito Aviles
Commission Chair Dan Faltz

Absent: Commissioner Moreno-Freedman

Also Present: Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann
Administrative Specialist IV/Recording Secretary Dennice Ocegüera
Public Art Administrator Marcus Mitchell
Arts Coordinator Michael Che
Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff
Arts Specialist Joy Tribble
Public Art Consultant Jessica Rich

D. Approval of the Agenda:

ACTION: Approval of the February 23, 2023 meeting agenda with item 4A tabled was **motioned by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Gantman, and approved unanimously.**

E. Approval of the January 23, 2022 Meeting Minutes

ACTION: Approval of the January 23, 2023 meeting minutes was **motioned by Vice Chair Aviles, seconded by Commissioner Gantman, and approved unanimously.**

F. Public Comment None.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following routine matter was acted upon by one motion.

Approval of the Consent Calendar was **motioned by Commissioner Gantman, seconded by Commissioner Lee, 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: Received and filed. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Art on the Outside Subcommittee Report

The Commission received a report from Commissioner Lee on the Art on the Outside Subcommittee for its meeting held February 23, 2023, and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

Commissioner Lee shared that item 3A Sunset Arts and Advertising Program (SAAP) – 8775 Sunset Boulevard (Sunset Spectacular) was moved to the consent calendar.

Commissioner Lee also shared information regarding the artists and curators for a Public Art Exhibition (Santa Monica Boulevard at Doheny Drive Median) Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Application Review process.

Commissioner Lee also shared that the Subcommittee reviewed the descriptive plaque for the Temporary Art Project *Photographs* by Terry Konrath and provided feedback as necessary.

Commissioner Lee concluded her report by sharing that Alexandre Murucci's *LA Romance* remains on a standstill due to the determination of site. An update will be provided to the Subcommittee Meeting at a later date.

ACTION:

- 1) Received and filed the Art on the Outside Subcommittee Report.
- 2) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve the temporary art project proposal, *Untitled Translucent 2* by Andrea Marie Breiling, submitted by Orange Barrell Media, for exhibition on the electronic billboards at 8775 Sunset Boulevard (Sunset Spectacular) from February 28, 2023 – May 31, 2023. **Motioned by Commissioner Deaton, seconded by Vice Chair Aviles and approved unanimously.**
- 3) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve the temporary art project proposal, *Dual Carriageway* by Olivia Taussig and Tom Rees, submitted by Orange Barrell Media, for exhibition on the electronic billboards at 8775 Sunset Boulevard (Sunset Spectacular) from February 28, 2023 – May 31, 2023. **Motioned by Commissioner Gantman, seconded by Chair Faltz and approved unanimously.**
- 4) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve three semi-finalists by the names of Emily Womack (Dyson & Womack), Janet Zweig, and Matthew Mazzotta to develop and present a project proposal for a public art exhibition at

Santa Monica Boulevard at Doheny Drive. **Motioned by Commissioner Deaton, seconded by Vice Chair Aviles and approved unanimously.**

- 5) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve the qualified applications received for the Moving Image Media Art Program Prequalified List. **Motioned by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Deaton and approved unanimously.**

B. Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee Report

The Commission received a report from Vice Chair Aviles on the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee for its meeting held February 9, 2023 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

Vice Chair Aviles shared that the Subcommittee received a presentation from consultant team Kimberli Meyer and Sara Daleiden and documents pertaining to the development of the Laurel House Artist Residency Program.

Commissioner Gantman asked what kind of feedback is being received by the community for this project.

In response to Commissioner Gantman's question, Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann stated that the community is showing support and the feedback is positive. She also noted that a summary of the feedback received from the December community meetings is included in the agenda packet.

Arts Manager Ehemann also provided information of what is to follow in the progression of the Laurel House Artist Residency Program.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Received and filed the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee Report.
- 2) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve developing a draft program using the Flexible Inter-Disciplinary framework that will include social practice art as a possible artform for the Laurel House Artist Residency Program. **Motioned by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Deaton and approved unanimously.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Presentation from Tina Calderon about the Gabrieleño Tongva and Gabrieleño Kisch peoples

Item was tabled.

ACTION: None.

V. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Deaton thanked staff for putting together Art on the Outside Subcommittee's packet of 900 plus pages. She also thanked Commissioner Gantman for his time in the Commission and said he will be missed.

Commissioner Lee echoed Commissioner Deaton's words, she expressed her gratitude for Commissioner Gantman. Also stated that he will be missed in the Commission.

Vice Chair Aviles also thanked Staff for their efforts in putting the Art on the Outside Subcommittee packet. Vice Chair Aviles also shared that he's attended several Arts events and they have been great; encouraged his fellow Commissioners to attend Arts events. Vice Chair Aviles also thanked Commissioner Gantman for his time in the Commission.

Chair Faltz also thanked Staff for their hard work. Also shared that Commissioner Gantman will be very missed in the Commission and shared his gratitude for the mentoring opportunity Commissioner Gantman provided for him.

Commissioner Gantman shared that the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission will always have a really special place in his heart. He also thanked everyone for everything and hopes to see everyone in future Arts events.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Public Art Consultant Jessica Rich thanked Commissioner Gantman for his time and service in the Commission. Also shared that exciting things are to come in the MIMA Program.

Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff also thanked Commissioner Gantman for his time in the Commission. Eva shared the following grantee events information: MashUp Contemporary Dance Company presents *International Women's Day* on March 3 at 10:30 a.m., and Chanel Lumiere presents *100 Faces 100 Stories The Collective* on March 24 at 6:00 p.m., Eva also thanked Commissioner Aviles for attending the first City Playhouse Community Meeting. Eva concluded her comments by inviting everyone to the second public meeting for the City Playhouse on February 28 at 6:00 p.m. at Plummer Park Community Center Rooms 5 & 6.

Recording Secretary Dennice Oceguela thanked Commissioner Gantman for his time in the Commission.

Arts Coordinator Michael Che shared that about 75 patrons attended the kickoff for the 2023 WeHo Reads series on February 8. Michael shared that the next WeHo Reads event is called *Crafting Literary Legacies* and it will take place on March 22 at 6:30 p.m. Michael also shared that the new WeHo Reads: Road to Joy photo exhibition is now on view at the Library. Michael also shared that the Call for Visual Artists for Winter Holidays Artwork (RFQ) is open to apply until March 20, 2023 and the Call for 2023-26 West Hollywood City Poet Laureate (RFQ) is open to apply until April 4, 2023. Michael

concluded his comments by thanking Commissioner Gantman for his time in the Commission.

Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann introduced our new Public Art Administrator Marcus Mitchell who went ahead and shared a little bit about himself and showed his excitement about joining the Arts team. Marcus also wished Commissioner Gantman the best as he departs the Commission.

Arts Specialist Joy Tribble thanked Commissioner Gantman for his contributions to the Commission and shared a special memory. Joy also shared that the final Winter Sounds Concert Series event will take place on February 25 at 5:00 p.m. in the West Hollywood City Council Chambers and will feature Juliana Riccardi. She concluded her comments by stating that the WeHo Sounds open call for musicians and performers is open and that the deadline to apply is on February 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.

Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann echoed everyone’s comments on how Commissioner Gantman will be missed and how grateful for his service in the Commission. Rebecca concluded her comments by sharing that the next Laurel House Residency meeting *Neighborhood Conversations: Let’s Talk about an Artist Residency* will take place March 17 at 5:00 p.m. at Plummer Park Community Center Rooms 5 & 6.


IX. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Commission authorized staff to develop the agenda for the meeting on Thursday, March 23, 2023.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned at 6:02 p.m. to its meeting scheduled on March 23, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at Plummer Park Community Center Rooms 5 & 6.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION ON THIS 23rd DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023

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