

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022 – 5:00 P.M.
WEST HOLLYWOOD PLUMMER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER, ROOMS 5 & 6
7377 SANTA MONICA BLVD.**

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
Commissioner Catherine Lee
Commissioner Dawn Moreno-Freedman
Commissioner Todd Williamson
Commission Vice Chair Mito Aviles
Commission Chair Dan Faltz

Absent: None.

Also Present: Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann
Administrative Specialist IV/Recording Secretary Dennice Oceguela
Arts Coordinator Michael Che
Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff
Public Art Consultant Jessica Rich

D. Approval of the Agenda:

ACTION: Approval of the October 27, 2022 meeting agenda **motioned by Vice Chair Aviles, seconded by Commissioner Lee, and approved unanimously.**

E. Approval of the September 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes

ACTION: Approval of the September 22, 2022 meeting minutes was **motioned by Commissioner Deaton, seconded by Vice Chair Aviles, and approved unanimously.**

F. Public Comment Sarah Robinson gave public comment on behalf of Helix Collective.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following routine matter was acted upon by one motion.

Approval of the Consent Calendar was **motioned by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman, 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: 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 Vice Chair Aviles on the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee for its meeting held October 13, 2022 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

Vice Chair Aviles stated that an outline of the 2023 WeHo Artist Bootcamp was received and reviewed and that it was approved as part of the Consent Calendar.

Vice Chair Aviles also shared that the Subcommittee received a presentation for the Laurel House Artist Residency from staff and one half of the consultant team, Sara Deleiden.

Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann provided more information regarding the Laurel House Artist Residency program and answered all the Commission questions.

ACTION:

- 1) Received and filed the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee Report.
- 2) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve the 2023 WeHo Artist Bootcamp outline. **Motioned by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman, seconded by Commissioner Lee and approved unanimously.**

B. Urban Art Subcommittee Report

The Commission received a report from Commissioner Gantman on the Urban Art Subcommittee for its meeting held October 20, 2022, and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

Commissioner Gantman shared that he subbed as acting Subcommittee Chair in Commissioner Williamson's absence.

Commissioner Gantman shared that the Subcommittee met Marcus Mitchell, Public Art Consultant for the Melrose Gathering place and Beverly Boulevard Gathering Pace projects.

ACTION:

- 1) Received and filed the Urban Art Subcommittee Report.
- 2) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation of the new applicants: Lenore French, Nancy Meyer, Lauren Miller, Renee Reizman, Dylan & Christie Turk, and

- Emily Womack for the Public Art Consultant Prequalified List. **Motioned by Commissioner Deaton, seconded by Chair Faltz and approved unanimously.**
- 3) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to deny applicants: Martin Betz, Marla Koosed, Jose Trejo Maya, Irina Panasyuk, Elia Quiles, Richard Tucci for the Public Art Consultant Prequalified List. **Motioned by Commissioner Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman and approved unanimously.**
 - 4) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to have the City proceed with the acquisition of the artworks, "UR OK" and "ONE LOVE" by artist Scott Froschauer. **Motioned by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman and approved unanimously.**
 - 5) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to include the locations: the Santa Monica median for "ONE LOVE" and Kings Road Park entrance for "UR OK". **Motioned by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman and approved noting a no vote from Vice Chair Aviles and Commissioner Lee.**
 - 6) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to deny the proposed gift of artwork, "Hadrian's Wedge" by artists Beverly Pepper. **Motioned by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved unanimously.**
 - 7) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to direct staff to proceed with preparing the required paperwork for the gift of artwork of the Neon Globe and return to the Subcommittee at a future meeting. **Motioned by Commissioner Gantman, seconded by Commissioner Lee and approved unanimously.**
 - 8) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to further consider four locations: Santa Monica & San Vicente, Santa Monica & Formosa, Santa Monica & Orange Grove, Sunset & Phyllis, and the City Playhouse for the Neon Globe. **Motioned by Vice Chair Aviles, seconded by Commissioner Chair Faltz and approved unanimously.**

C. Art on the Outside Subcommittee Report

The Commission received a report from Commissioner Deaton on the Art on the Outside Subcommittee for its meeting held October 20, 2022, and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

Commissioner Lee, Subcommittee Chair for Art on the Outside, shared information on the Draft Request for Qualifications – Artists and Curators for Public Art Exhibition for the (Santa Monica Boulevard at Doheny Drive median).

Commissioner Lee also shared that Lesley Elwood, the City's contracted Public Art Consultant for this project, was a part of the discussion as well.

ACTION:

- 1) Received and filed the Art on the Outside Subcommittee Report.
- 2) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve the additional funding request of \$3,720 for a total project budget of \$5,950 as presented by Britt

Westveer for *We've Always Been Here* with location at City Hall's east wall. **Motioned by Commissioner Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved unanimously.**

- 3) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve the temporary art project proposal, *Protection* by Cedric Mizero, submitted by Orange Barrel Media, for exhibition on the electronic billboards at 8775 Sunset Boulevard from 10/28/22 – 2/28/23. **Motioned by Commissioner Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Vice Chair Aviles and approved unanimously.**
- 4) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve the temporary art project proposal, *Museum of Trans History: Coming Soon Forever* by Chris Vargas, submitted by Orange Barrel Media, for exhibition on the electronic billboards at 8775 Sunset Boulevard from 10/28/22 – 2/28/23. **Motioned by Commissioner Deaton, seconded by Vice Chair Aviles and approved unanimously.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. City of West Hollywood Art Tour

The Commission received a presentation from Staff about the City of West Hollywood Art Tour.

ACTION:

Received and filed.

V. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Deaton invited everyone to the TransVagina Diaries on November 5 & 6 at 7:30 p.m. at West Hollywood City Council Chambers. This event is free of charge.

Commissioner Lee asked the Commission and Staff to invite a representative of the Gabrieleño Tongva and/or the Gabrieleño Kizh peoples for a presentation about the history of the indigenous people of the area and of how ACAC could get more involved in supporting the tribes.

ACTION:

Approved to put in a future agenda an invitation for a representative of the Gabrieleño Tongva and/or the Gabrieleño Kizh Peoples for a presentation to ACAC. **Motioned by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Vice Chair Aviles and approved unanimously.**

Commissioner Williamson shared that Hannah Blaylock, an artist who played in the WeHo Summer Sounds series had an album release today, and invited everyone to take a listen.

Commissioner Moreno-Freedman shared that theatres are having difficulty bringing in audiences in the aftermath of COVID-19. Also wanted to bring awareness to the lack of ages 60 and under in these theaters.

Vice Chair Aviles shared that he has his ticket for TransVagina Diaries and has been marketing the event through social media. In regard to Commissioner Moreno-Freedman's comment, Vice Chair Aviles shared that social media can be an asset to invite a younger crowd to events, etc.

Chair Faltz congratulated Vice Chair Aviles for the Social Justice Task Force recognition by City Council. Also congratulated the Commission for arts initiative items in the last couple City Council meetings. Chair Faltz congratulated Eva Angeloff for Helix Collective "Music with a Movie" and Global Musical Bridges "Opera in the Park", both grantee performances. Chair Faltz also congratulated Staff for the upcoming Parallel Perpendicular Dedication. Chair Faltz also congratulated Commissioner Deaton for her upcoming TransVagina Diaries premiere. In response to Commissioner Moreno-Freedman's comment, Chair Faltz suggested a theatre innovation initiative to invite the younger crowd to theatres.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff shared the success of Helix Collective "Music with a Movie" and Global Musical Bridges "Opera in the Park". Eva also shared Grantee events information, Rogue Artists Ensemble presents "Rogue Lab New Play Initiative: Director Edition" on November 5, 2022, and Invertigo Dance Theatre presents "Walk the Walk Zine Release Party" on November 18 at 7:30 p.m. Eva concluded her comments by sharing that the Artist Bootcamp 2023 deadline to apply is December 16, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Arts Coordinator Michael Che shared that WeHo Reads: *Light in Our Hearts* is taking place on November 15, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Michael also shared that Kids Fair 2022 is taking place on October 29, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and it will feature several arts participants and programs including our Poet Laureate, one of our Arts Grantees, and Drag Queen Story Hour.

Public Art Consultant Jessica Rich shared that the deadline for the Moving Image Media Art Program (MIMA) Prequalified List is November 1, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

Administrative Specialist IV/Recording Secretary Dennice Ocegüera invited the Commission to the Dedication of Parallel Perpendicular by Artist Phillip K. Smith III located on Robertson Lawn in West Hollywood Park on November 2, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann encouraged Commissioners to save the date for two Laurel House meetings, 'Neighborhood Conversations: Let's Talk about an Artist Residency Program', on December 2 and 3, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Rebecca continued her comments by sharing that Performing and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee (PACA) will review the 2023 WeHo Pride LGBTQ Arts Festival Curator/Producer RFQ – Review of Applications and feedback on this and other programs can be directed to Staff. Rebecca concluded her comments by sharing that City Council has approved Perkins & Will to be

the architect for the City Playhouse, there will now be a community engagement process that will include the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission.

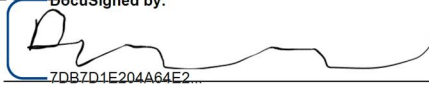
IX. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Commission authorized staff to develop the agenda for the meeting on Thursday, November 17, 2022.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned at 6:24 p.m. to its meeting scheduled on November 17, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at West Hollywood Plummer Park Community Center, Rooms 5 & 6, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION ON THIS 27th DAY OF OCTOBER 2022

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DAN FALTZ
COMMISSION CHAIR

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