

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2023 – 5:00 P.M.  
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL, FIRST FLOOR COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM,  
8300 SANTA MONICA BLVD.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission meeting was called to order by Commission Vice Chair Aviles at 5:05 p.m.

**A. Land Acknowledgement:** Vice Chair Aviles read the Land Acknowledgement.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance:** Vice Chair Aviles led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Roll Call:**

Present: Commissioner Lindsey Deaton  
Commissioner Cameron Faber  
Commissioner Sigourney Gunther  
Commissioner Catherine Lee  
Commissioner Moreno-Freedman  
Commission Vice Chair Mito Aviles

Absent: Commissioner Chair Dan Faltz

Also Present: Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann  
Administrative Specialist IV/Recording Secretary Dennice Oceguela  
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 July 27, 2023 meeting agenda was **motioned by Commissioner Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Lee, and approved unanimously.**

**E. Approval of the May 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes:**

**ACTION:** Approval of the June 22, 2023 was **motioned by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman, seconded by Commissioner Lee and approved noting an abstained motion by Commissioner Faber.**

**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 Deaton, 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. Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee Report**

The Commission received a report from Commissioner Deaton on the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee for its meeting held July 13, 2023 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

Commissioner Deaton shared that the Subcommittee reviewed and considered the submitted proposals for 2024-2026 WeHo Artists Bootcamp RFP and recommended Rhizomatic Arts for the project.

**ACTIONS:**

- 1) Received and filed the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee Report.
- 2) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve Rhizomatic Arts to support the design, development, and management of the 2024-2026 WeHo Artists Bootcamp based on qualifications, experience, ability to commit to the timeline, and cost efficiency. **Motioned by Commissioner Deaton, seconded by Vice Chair Aviles and approved unanimously.**

**B. 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 July 27, 2023 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

Commissioner Lee shared that the subcommittee reviewed and discussed the Temporary Art Project Proposals received from three finalist artists and considered recommending Janet Zweig's project proposal to be developed and installed at the Santa Monica Boulevard/Doheny Drive median location.

Commissioners asked staff for details about the temporary art project, cost, and installation date.

**ACTIONS:**

- 1) Received and filed the Art on the Outside Subcommittee Report.
- 2) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve Janet Zweig's project proposal to be developed and installed at the Santa Monica Boulevard/Doheny

Drive median location. **Motioned by Lee seconded by Commissioner Deaton and approved unanimously.**

#### IV. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Temporary Art Project Proposal - Equal Means Equal Feminist Art Show for Women's Equality

The Commission received a presentation from Kamala Lopez, Founder of Equal Means Equal, about the proposed city co-sponsorship for the Feminist Art Show for Women's Equality.

**ACTION:** Received the presentation and provided feedback as necessary.

##### B. Election of Chair and Vice Chair FY 23-24

The Commission elected a Chair and Vice-Chair to preside over the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission (ACAC) in accordance with the ACAC Bylaws.

##### **ACTIONS:**

- 1) Conducted the annual election of Chair and Vice-Chair.
- 2) Nominated and elected Commissioner Aviles as Chair to the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission in accordance with the ACAC Bylaws. **Motioned by Commissioner Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Lee and approved unanimously.**
- 3) Nominated and elected Commissioner Deaton as Vice Chair to the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission in accordance with the ACAC Bylaws. **Motioned by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman and approved unanimously.**

##### C. Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission and Subcommittee Re-Scheduling in November and December 2023

The Commission considered moving all Commission and Subcommittee meetings in November and December 2023, by one week early, to accommodate major holidays in November and December. In November 2023, Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee (PACA) will meet November 2; Urban Art Subcommittee (UA) will meet November 9; and Art on the Outside Subcommittee (AOTO) & Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission (ACAC) will meet November 16. In December 2023, PACA will meet December 7; UAS will meet December 14; and AOTO & ACAC will meet December 21.

##### **ACTION:**

The Commission approved rescheduling the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission in November and December 2023, to accommodate major holidays in November and December. **Motioned by Commissioner Faber, seconded by Vice Chair Deaton, and approved unanimously.**

##### D. FY23 Accomplishments and FY24 Look Ahead

The Commission received a presentation from staff about the Arts Division's accomplishments for Fiscal Year 2023 and reviewed a look ahead for Fiscal Year 2024.

**ACTION:** Received and filed.

**E. Temporary Appointment to the Urban Art Subcommittee for the August 17, 2023 Meeting**

The Commission selected Commissioner Gunther to temporarily serve on the Urban Art Subcommittee for the August 17, 2023 meeting at 5pm at City Hall.

**ACTION:**

Approved the temporary appointment of Commissioner Gunther and Lee to serve on the Urban Art Subcommittee for the August 17, 2023 meeting at 5pm at City Hall.

**Motioned by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman, seconded by Vice Chair Deaton, and approved unanimously.**

**V. EXCLUDED CONSENT** None.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT** JOE FARAGHER, West Hollywood, spoke in support of artificial intelligence technology.

**VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Vice Chair Deaton welcomed Commissioner Faber and Commissioner Gunther to the Commission. Vice Chair Deaton also thanked staff for their hard work.

Commissioner Lee also welcomed Commissioner Faber and Commissioner Gunther to the commission and thanked staff and Vice Chair Deaton for the great Art on the Outside Subcommittee meeting that took place earlier in the day.

Commissioner Moreno-Freedman also welcomed Commissioner Faber and Commissioner Gunther to the Commission.

Commissioner Faber thanked everyone for their welcome and shared some of his background in arts and cultural affairs.

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Chair Aviles also welcomed Commissioner Faber and Commissioner Gunther. Chair Aviles also congratulated Commissioner Deaton for her selection as Vice Chair.

Administrative Specialist IV/Recording Secretary Dennice Ocegüera shared an email by Commissioner Faltz welcoming Commissioner Faber and Commissioner Gunther to the Commission.

**VIII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF**

Arts Specialist Joy Tribble congratulated Chair Aviles and Vice Chair Deaton on their selections and welcomed Commissioner Faber and Commissioner Gunther to the

Commission. Joy invited the Commissioners to the Summer Sounds 2023 Free Concert Series on July 30, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. at Plummer Park featuring Hannah Blaylock and Honey Whiskey Trio. Joy ended her comments by introducing herself and sharing her job specifications with the new commissioners.

Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff reminded the Commissioners that the WeHo Artist Grant deadline is September 1, 2023. Eva also shared that the WeHo Artists Roundtable will take place on August 20, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. at Plummer Park, Fiesta Hall. Eva ended her comments by introducing herself and sharing her job specifications with the new Commissioners.

Arts Coordinator Michael Che welcomed Commissioner Faber and Commissioner Gunther to the Commission. Michael introduced himself and shared his job specifications with the new commissioners. Michael also thanked all the Commissioners for attending WeHo Arts Festival events. Michael also congratulated Chair Aviles and Vice Chair Deaton on their selections. Michael also invited Commissioners to the Roxy's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Exhibition on September 12, 2023 that will take place in the WeHo Library and a WeHo Reads Literacy Death Match on November 8, 2023.

Laura Biery, Director of Economic Development, congratulated Chair Aviles and Vice Chair Deaton on their selections and welcomed Commissioner Faber and Commissioner Gunther to the Commission. Laura also shared her professional background with the Commission.

Public Art Administrator Marcus Mitchell congratulated Chair Aviles and Vice Chair Deaton on their selections and welcomed Commissioner Faber and Commissioner Gunther to the Commission. Marcus also introduced himself and shared his job specifications with the new Commissioners. Marcus also updated the Commissioners on the following events, installations, and application deadlines: the survey for potential relocation of *RELAX UR OK* by Scott Froschauer will be closing on July 31, 2023, the deadline for the 9x9 Mural Request for Proposals (RFP) – West Hollywood Park's 5-Story Parking Structure application is August 14, 2023, Julio Sims' *Falling on Deaf Ears* will be installed in the Council Chambers on September 11, 2023, and Sean Noyce's *HB7: Cruising* will take place on September 16, 2023.

Administrative Specialist IV/Recording Secretary Dennice Ocegüera congratulated Chair Aviles and Vice Chair Deaton on their selections and welcomed Commissioner Faber and Commissioner Gunther to the Commission. Dennice ended her comments by introducing herself and sharing her job specifications with the new commissioners.

Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann congratulated Chair Aviles and Vice Chair Deaton on their selections and welcomed Commissioner Faber and Commissioner Gunther to the Commission. Rebecca shared info on upcoming Subcommittee meetings and Commission items for August's meeting. Rebecca also shared that the next City Council meeting on August 21, 2023 will have the Poet Laureate item for approval, the City Playhouse will be presenting a presentation, and the Santa Monica/Fountain bike lanes will be discussed. Rebecca concluded her comments by shared that the Annual Congress of Commissions and Advisory Boards will take place on August 23, 2023.


**IX. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

The Commission authorized staff to develop the agenda for the meeting on Thursday, August 24, 2023.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned at 6:33 p.m. to its meeting scheduled on August 24, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. to be held at the West Hollywood City Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Community Meeting Room located at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION ON THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JULY 2023.

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