

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 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 Deaton at 5:00 p.m.

A. Land Acknowledgement: Vice Chair Deaton read the Land Acknowledgement.

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Vice Chair Deaton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call:

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

Absent: Commission Chair Mito Aviles

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
 Public Art Contractor Jessica Rich

D. Approval of the Agenda:

ACTION: Approval of the October 26, 2023 meeting agenda with item 4A moved to item 3A was **motioned by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman, seconded by Commissioner Faltz, and approved unanimously.**

E. Approval of the September 28, 2023 Meeting Minutes:

ACTION: Approval of the September 28, 2023 was **motioned by Commissioner Faber, seconded by Commissioner Faltz and approved unanimously.**

F. Public Comment RON CORTEZ, West Hollywood, introduced himself as the liaison for the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission for the LGBTQ+ Commission. Ron congratulated the City on the impressive installation event for Jen Cheng, new City Poet Laureate.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following routine matter was acted upon by one motion. Approval of the Consent Calendar was **motioned by Commissioner Gunther, seconded by Commissioner Vice Chair Deaton, 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. Arts Grant Program 2024 WeHo Artist Grant Application Review

The Commission will review, evaluate, and score applications received in response to the City's call for submissions for the WeHo Artist Grant and make funding recommendations.

ACTION:

The Commission directed staff to move this item back to the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee for review, evaluation, and scores. **Motioned by Commissioner Faltz, seconded by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman and approved unanimously.**

B. Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee Report

The Commission received a report from Vice Chair Deaton on the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee for its meeting held October 12, 2023 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Received and filed the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee Report.
- 2) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve the second year Arts Project Grant and third-year Organizational Development Grantees 2024 project proposals, and approval of the proposed projects by Saturday Night Bath Concert Fund and Pieter. **Motioned by Commissioner Faltz, seconded by Commissioner Gunther and approved unanimously.**
- 3) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve two finalists, Ruben Esparza and the LA LGBT Center, for the 2024 WeHo Pride Arts Festival Curator/Producer Request for Qualifications. **Motioned by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Gunther and approved noting an abstain vote from Commissioner Faber due to his conflict of interest.**

C. Urban Art Subcommittee Report

The Commission received a report from Commissioner Moreno-Freedman on the Urban Art Subcommittee for its meeting held October 19, 2023 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Received and filed the Urban Art Subcommittee Report.
- 2) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve the STAGE III - Final Review of Urban Art Plan for the 1201 Detroit Street (Lexington Gardens) project.
- 3) Received and filed submissions in accordance with the Urban Art Policy and Guidelines.

All actions were combined and motioned by Commissioner Faltz, seconded by Vice Chair Deaton and approved unanimously.

D. Art on the Outside Subcommittee Report

The Commission received a report from Commissioner Faltz on the Art on the Outside Subcommittee for its meeting held October 26, 2023 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Received and filed the Art on the Outside Subcommittee Report.
- 2) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve three (3) artist semi-finalists Tzasna Perez Espinosa, Melissa Fernandez, and Sarah Foelske to each develop a concept proposal for a series of three (3), temporary and site-specific vinyl banners for the West Hollywood City Hall Community Plaza. **Motioned by Vice Chair Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Faber and approved unanimously.**
- 3) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve the Commercial Business Mural proposal for 7141 Santa Monica Blvd. (Domain WeHo) and West Hollywood Muralist Roster application from Daniel Monteavaro (MONCHO1929). **Motioned by Vice Chair Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman and approved unanimously.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Design Update for the Laurel House Artist-in-Residence Renovation Project

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission received a presentation from the Page & Turnbull architectural team regarding the draft schematic design architectural plans for the renovation of the Laurel House and Park and provided feedback.

ACTION:

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission approved the draft schematic plans for the renovation of the Laurel House and Park. **Motioned by Commissioner Vice Chair Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Faltz and approved unanimously.**

V. EXCLUDED CONSENT None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT None.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Moreno-Freedman shared that she attended and enjoyed Artists and Icons: *Tim Sullivan Conversation + Film Screening*.

Commissioner Faltz shared that he enjoyed serving as a substitute Commissioner for the Urban Art Subcommittee. Commissioner Faltz also shared information on *Dia De Los Muertos* event at the Ontario Museum. Commissioner Faltz suggested for an *ofrenda, Dia De Los Muertos* event in the future as an Arts event.

Vice Chair Deaton thanked staff for their hard work. Vice Chair Deaton also shared her excitement for the Jen Cheng, Poet Laureate installation.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Public Art Administrator Marcus Mitchell shared that the 9x9 Mural *Peaches and Tea* by Rebekah Ressler will be installed in November.

Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff invited the Commission to celebrate the 2023 WeHo Artist Grantees on December 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the West Hollywood City Council Chambers.

Arts Coordinator Mike Che thanked the Commissioners for attending the City Poet Laureate installation for Jen Cheng. Mike shared that Jen is offering a writing workshop: *Memorable Characters* on October 28 at the West Hollywood Aquatic and Recreation Center. Mike also invited the Commissioners to WeHo Reads x Literary Death Match on November 8 at the West Hollywood City Council Chambers. Mike also invited everyone to a special trilingual version of Drag Story Hour on December 16 at the West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room.

Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann thanked the Commissioners for their feedback on the Laurel House schematic design architectural plans. Rebecca also shared that she attended the CODAworx Summit, a public art and art technology conference. While at the conference, Rebecca hosted the California Public Art Administrators Membership meeting of which she currently serves as Chair. Rebecca also shared that in next month's meeting, staff will be sharing the results of the Arts and Economic Prosperity 6. Rebecca concluded her comments by stating that all Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission meetings have been cancelled for the month of December due to lack of meeting agenda items.

IX. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Commission authorized staff to develop the agenda for the meeting on Thursday, November 16, 2023.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned at 6:12 p.m. to its meeting scheduled on November 16, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. to be held at the West Hollywood City Hall, 1st Floor – Community Meeting Room located at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
ON THIS 26th DAY OF OCTOBER 2023

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COMMISSION VICE CHAIR

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