

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 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 Chair Aviles at 5:01 p.m.

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

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

C. Roll Call:

Present: Commissioner Cameron Faber
Commissioner Dan Faltz
Commissioner Sigourney Gunther
Commission Vice Chair Lindsey Deaton
Commission Chair Mito Aviles

Absent: Commissioner Catherine Lee
Commissioner Moreno-Freedman

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

D. Approval of the Agenda:

ACTION: Approval of the November 16, 2023 meeting agenda with item 4A moved to item 3A was **motioned by Commissioner Faltz, seconded by Commissioner Faber, and approved unanimously.**

E. Approval of the October 26, 2023 Meeting Minutes:

ACTION: Approval of the October 26, 2023 was **motioned by Commissioner Gunther, seconded by Commissioner Faltz and approved unanimously.**

F. Public Comment RAYMOND JACOBS, West Hollywood, invited the commissioners to Kontrapunktus presents *The Londoners* on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following routine matter was acted upon by one motion. Approval of the Consent Calendar was **motioned by Vice Chair Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Faber 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 Vice Chair Deaton on the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee for its meeting held November 2, 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 Ruben Esparza for the 2024 WeHo Pride Arts Festival Curator/Producer Request for Qualifications. **Motioned by Chair Aviles, seconded by Vice Chair Deaton and approved noting an abstain vote by Commissioner Faber due to his conflict of interest.**
- 3) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve funding individual artist grants to Peter Fitzgerald, Yvann Filipczak, Zach Oren, Caroline Nagy, and Christopher Youmans for \$6,000 each for calendar year 2024. **Motioned by Vice Chair Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Faber and approved unanimously.**

B. 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 November 16, 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 the applications received from Xin Wen JJ Agcaoili, Daniel Canogar, Friidom/Darrel Dunn, Martin Gantman, Yozmit Kwon, Quinne Larsen, Wenhui Lim, Daniel Monteavaro, Fil OK, Hank Willis Thomas, Nibia Pastrana Santiago, Pascual Sisto, Clarissa Tossin, Steven Wallace, Ruvan Wijesooriya, Bomi Yook, and the Art Production Fund, for the Moving Image Media Art Program Prequalified List. **Motioned by**

Vice Chair Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Faltz and approved unanimously.

- 3) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to decline the applications received from Jose Trejo Maya and Tom Wright for the Moving Image Media Art Program Prequalified List. **Motioned by Vice Chair Deaton, seconded by Chair Aviles and approved unanimously.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Moving Image Media Art Program – Nancy Baker Cahill Art Plan Review

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission received a presentation from artist Nancy Baker Cahill for the Moving Image Media Artwork commission scheduled for exhibition from October 1, 2024 – January 31, 2025.

ACTION:

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission provided feedback and approved the Art Plan for *Flesh and Blood* by Nancy Baker Cahill, scheduled for exhibition on the digital billboards on Sunset Boulevard, from October 1, 2024 – January 31, 2025.

Motioned by Commissioner Vice Chair Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Gunther and approved unanimously.

V. EXCLUDED CONSENT None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT RUBEN ESPARZA, West Hollywood, thanked the Commissioners for their approval of the 2024 WeHo Pride Arts Festival Curator/Producer Request for Qualifications.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Vice Chair Deaton thanked the City for their support with TransDiaries 2023. Vice Chair Deaton invited everyone to the Church of Trans Love's Trans Love Dance event on November 17, 2023 at the Respite Deck of the West Hollywood Aquatic and Recreation Center.

Commissioner Faltz congratulated Vice Chair Deaton for the success of TransDiaries 2023.

Chair Aviles also congratulated Vice Chair Deaton for the success of TransDiaries 2023.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Arts Specialist Joy Tribble invited the Commissioners to two Human Rights Speakers Series events: *Women Life Freedom Film Festival* on November 28 and *The Dads* on December 7. Both events will be held at the West Hollywood City Council Chambers. Joy also shared that the Open Call for musicians and performers for WeHo Sounds 2024 is now open and the deadline to apply is on January 8, 2024.

Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff shared details of the Grantee Orientation that was held in Plummer Park. Eva invited the Commissioners to celebrate the 2023 WeHo Artist

Grantees on December 13 at the West Hollywood City Council Chambers. Eva also thanked the Commissioners for the approval of the 2024 WeHo Artist Grantees.

Public Art Administrator Marcus Mitchell shared that he and Rebecca Ehemann were invited by consultant Lesley Elwood to attend a walkthrough of an exhibition the museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA) with artist Alexandre Arrechea.

Arts Coordinator Mike Che thanked the Commissioners for their approval of Ruben Esparza for the 2024 WeHo Pride Arts producer/curator. He shared that the 2023 Holiday Banners illustrated by Joey Deruy will be installed during Thanksgiving week, the City Poet Laureate Jen Cheng will have several projects in December, and a special trilingual version of Drag Story Hour on December 16 at the West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room. Mike also shared that the call for Art Installers (RFQ) closes on February 4, 2024. Mike concluded his comments by reciting a Holiday poem 'Joyous' written for the City by Jen Cheng.

Administrative Specialist IV/Recording Secretary Dennice Oceguela wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann shared that City Council will consider the acquisition of the neon artworks *RELAX UR OK* and *ONE LOVE* by Scott Froschauer for the City's permanent art collection at the November 20 meeting. Rebecca invited the Commissioners to the 39th West Hollywood Day on November 29. Rebecca concluded her comments by wishing the Commission Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year.

IX. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Commission authorized staff to develop the agenda for the meeting on Thursday, January 25, 2024.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned at 6:07 p.m. to its meeting scheduled for January 25, 2024, 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 25th DAY OF JANUARY 2024.

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