

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 2024 – 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 5:03 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
Commissioner Catherine Lee
Commissioner Dawn Moreno-Freedman
Commission Vice Chair Lindsey Deaton
Commission Chair Mito Aviles

Absent: None

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

D. Approval of the Agenda:

ACTION: Approval of the February 22, 2024 meeting agenda was **motioned by Commissioner Faber, seconded by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman, and approved unanimously.**

E. Approval of the January 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

ACTION: Approval of the January 25, 2024 was **motioned by Commissioner Faltz, seconded by Commissioner Gunther 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 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: 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 Aviles on the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee for its meeting held February 8, 2024 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 2025 Arts Grant Program grant guidelines for the Arts Project, Community Arts, Transgender, Gender Diverse, Intersex (TGI+) Arts, and WeHo Artist categories.
- 3) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve the 2025-26 WeHo Reads RFP.
- 4) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve the 2024 Winter Season Artwork Request for Qualifications (RFQ).
- 5) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve the 2024-25 Musicians and Performers Roster, the short list of twenty (20) artists to be considered for the 2024 Summer Sounds and 2025 Winter Sounds Concert Series and change to the annual RFQ for Musicians and Performers to become a bi-annual call.

All actions were combined and motioned by Vice Chair Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Faltz 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 February 22, 2024 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Received and filed the Art on the Outside Subcommittee Report.

- 2) The Subcommittee directed staff to return with requested information at a later AOTO meeting for the temporary art project, A Poetry Generator for WeHo, by Janet Zweig. **Received and filed.**
- 3) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve the Art on the Outside Temporary Art Project application. **Motioned by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Faltz and approved unanimously.**
- 4) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve Sarah Foelske for the West Hollywood City Hall Community Plaza Banners. **Motioned by Chair Aviles, seconded by Commissioner Gunther and approved unanimously.**
- 5) The Subcommittee recommended staff to return with more information for a later meeting for the temporary art exhibition *Los Cuidadores (The Caretakers)*, 2013, by artist Jay Lynn Gomez. **Received and filed.**
- 6) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve the artworks *K-Cosmosis* by Bomi Yook for exhibition on the billboard at 8743 Sunset Blvd (Invisible Frame) from June 1, 2024 – September 30, 2024 and *Aunties on Sunset*, from artist niceaunties for exhibition on the billboard at 9157 Sunset Blvd (Streamlined Arbor) from June 1, 2024 - September 30, 2024. **Motioned by Chair Aviles, seconded by Commissioner Gunther and approved unanimously.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS None.

V. EXCLUDED CONSENT None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT None.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Moreno-Freedman praised Arts Specialist Joy Tribble for the success of Winter Sounds Concert Series and suggested that staff provide more variety in music genre within the series.

Vice Chair Deaton shared her experience while visiting Guatemala and asked staff for the potential of building arts and cultural affairs relationship with other countries.

Commissioner Lee thanked staff and fellow commissioners for a great meeting.

Commissioner Faltz echoed Commissioner Lee's comments and shared that he is the new director of the Huntington Beach Art Center.

Chair Aviles echoed Vice Chair Deaton's comments. Chair Aviles also provided details about an arts installation at Circus of Books, which is a collaborative effort with the County of Los Angeles Department of Health.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Arts Specialist Joy Tribble invited the Commission to the final Winter Sounds concert of the season on February 24, at 7 p.m., at The Sun Rose on Sunset Boulevard, featuring artist Brandon Coleman. She also ensured Commissioner Moreno-Freedman that music genre variety is considered in all WeHo Sounds concert series.

Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff provided updates on the positive outcomes of the first WeHo Artist Bootcamp meeting held on the morning of February 22, 2024.

Public Art Administrator Marcus Mitchell thanked the Commission for the meeting.

Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann shared details about a hired publicist firm for the Moving Image Media Art (MIMA) Program. She also invited the Commission to attend WeHo 40 Community Open House on March 2, 2024 at Kings Road Park. She also invited the Commission to attend the Drag Artists Roundtable (Series 3 of 4) on March 20, 2024 at Plummer Park Community Center.

IX. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Commission authorized staff to develop the agenda for the meeting on Thursday, March 28, 2024.


X. ADJOURNMENT

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned at 6:05 p.m. to its meeting scheduled for March 28, 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 28th DAY OF MARCH 2024.

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