

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 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 Moreno-Freedman at 5:00 p.m.

**A. Land Acknowledgement:** Chair Moreno-Freedman read the Land Acknowledgement.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair Moreno-Freedman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Roll Call:**

Present: Commissioner Mito Aviles  
Commissioner Cameron Faber  
Commissioner Dan Faltz  
Commissioner Martin Gantman  
Commission Vice Chair Sigourney Gunther  
Commission Chair Dawn Moreno-Freedman

Absent: Commissioner Catherine Lee

Also Present: Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann  
Administrative Specialist IV/Recording Secretary Dennice Ocegüera  
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 October 24, 2024 meeting agenda was **motioned by Commissioner Faber, seconded by Vice Chair Gunther, and approved unanimously.**

**E. Approval of the September 26, 2024 Meeting Minutes:**

**ACTION:** Approval of the September 26, 2024 was **motioned by Commissioner Faltz, seconded by Vice Chair Gunther**

**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 Vice Chair Gunther, seconded by Commissioner Faltz 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

*\*Noting that Commissioner Aviles joined the meeting during this presentation*

### A. West Hollywood Art Project for 2028 Olympics (Los Angeles)

The Commission received a presentation from AEA Consulting about a West Hollywood Art Project for the 2028 Olympics (Los Angeles).

#### **ACTION:**

Received the presentation, approved the concept theme and provided feedback as necessary. **Motioned by Vice Chair Gunther, seconded by Commissioner Faltz and approved unanimously.**

### B. Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee Report

The Commission received a report from Commissioner Gunther on the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee for its meeting held October 10, 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 amended Scenario A of funding for Arts Project Grantees and amended Scenario C of funding for Community Arts Grantees: Nose Wiggle Productions, Inc., Shenandoah Harris, Susan Elaine Cole, Don C. Tinling, Mylove West, Thestyleguyde, Summer Jane Leavitt for 2025.
- 3) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve the second year Arts Project Grant 2025 project proposals.
- 4) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve funding allocations for the 40th Anniversary Cultural History Grant.

**Actions numbers 1 to 4 were approved in a single motion by Commissioner Aviles, seconded by Commissioner Faber and approved unanimously.**

- 5) Approved Commissioner Gunther's recommendation to add an item to a future ACAC meeting to request that ACAC Commissioners present updates

at City Council meetings. **Motioned by Subcommittee Commissioner Faltz, seconded by Subcommittee Member Aviles, and approved unanimously.**

**C. Urban Art Subcommittee Report**

The Commission received a report from Commissioner Gantman on the Urban Art Subcommittee for its meeting held October 17, 2024 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 Art Plan process for the city-owned Holloway Interim Housing and the West Hollywood Recovery Center (WHRC) Log Cabin projects. **Motioned by Commissioner Gunther, seconded by Commissioner Faltz 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 24, 2024 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 updates to the Moving Image Media Art Program Guidelines and Process document. **Motioned by Vice Chair Gunther, seconded by Commissioner Aviles and approved unanimously.**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. West Hollywood City Poet Laureate Jen Cheng**

The Commission received an overview of Jen Cheng's first year as City Poet Laureate, accompanied by a reading of one of her poems.

**ACTION:**

The Commission received the poem read by West Hollywood City Poet Jen Cheng.

**B. Drag Laureate Program Review**

The Commission received a presentation from staff and Pickle, West Hollywood Drag Laureate and made recommendations for the Drag Laureate Program.

**ACTION:**

The Commission received the presentation and recommended that City Council approve the proposed changes to the Drag Laureate Program. **Motioned by Commissioner Faltz, seconded by Commissioner Faber and approved unanimously.**

**C. Library Cultural Programming Committee Report**

The Commission received a report from the Library Cultural Programming Committee.

**ACTION:**

- 1) Received and filed the report from the Library Cultural Programming Committee.
- 2) Ratified recommendations proposed by the Library Cultural Programming Committee including approval of proposals by Drag Arts Lab (for Drag Story Hour), Tierra del Sol gallery and Enrique Castrejon. **Motioned by Commissioner Aviles, seconded by Vice Chair Gunther.**

V. **EXCLUDED CONSENT** None.

VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT** None.

VII. **ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Aviles thanked everyone for the meeting and asked to adjourn the meeting in memory of Trans Advocate Emily Perez

Commissioner Gunther requested an update on the potential deaccession of the artwork *En Passant* by Barbara McCarren.

Commissioner Faltz expressed gratitude to Drag Laureate Pickle for the success of Drag Story Hour. Commissioner Faltz also celebrated Marka Burns who was the cofounder of the Long Beach creative group.

Regarding item 3A, Commissioner Gantman emphasized that if the art project stands out, it will reflect positively on the city as well.

Commissioner Moreno-Freedman suggested that staff organize an Artist Roundtable focused on strategies for artists to monetize their work. Commissioner Moreno-Freedman also asked to adjourn the meeting in memory of Dodgers Legend Fernando Valenzuela.

VIII. **ITEMS FROM THE STAFF**

Arts Coordinator Michael Che extended congratulations to Commissioner Lee on the arrival of her new baby. Mike shared the success of the online WeHo Reads event *Creating Queer Families and Communities* which celebrated National Coming Out Day. Mike ended his comments by sharing the following events: City Poet Laureate Jen Cheng will have an office hours event on October 26, 2024 at Fan Girl Café, and will also read a poem at the City's upcoming WeHo Reads: events *Imagining and Building Restorative Communities* on November 20, 2024 (online), and *Through a Lens Queerly* on December 11, 2024 (in person).

Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff thanked Commissioner Moreno-Freedman for her suggestion regarding the theme for the Artist Roundtable. Eva also shared that the deadline to apply for the Artist Bootcamp is December 6, 2024.

Public Art Administrator Marcus Mitchell Public announced that Timothy Smith's mural, created in celebration of the City's 40th anniversary, has been installed at City Hall. In response to Commissioner Gunther's question, Marcus confirmed that the discussion on deaccession will be scheduled for a future Urban Art Subcommittee agenda.

Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann Thanked the Commissioners who attended Nancy Baker Cahill's *Body Politic* event. To support the event, an Artists & Icons event featuring Nancy Baker Cahill in conversation with Patrisse Cullors was held on October 16, 2024, and the recording is available on [www.youtube.com/wehoarts](http://www.youtube.com/wehoarts). Rebecca also shared that the Arts Division participated in the Civic Leadership Academy and the State for the Arts Summit, hosted by Arts for LA. Rebecca concluded her comments by reminding the Commissioners that several Art items are scheduled for approval at the City Council meeting on November 4, 2024.

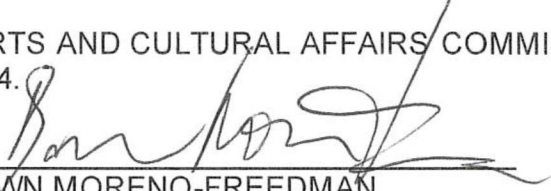
**IX. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

The Commission authorized staff to develop the agenda for the meeting on Thursday, November 14, 2024.


**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned in memory of Trans Advocate Emily Perez, and Dodgers Legend Fernando Valenzuela at 6:37 p.m. to its meeting scheduled for November 14, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. to be held at Plummer Park Community Center Rooms 5 & 6.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
ON THIS 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024.

  
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DAWN MORENO-FREEDMAN  
COMMISSION CHAIR

ATTEST:

  
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DENNICE OCEGUERA,  
RECORDING SECRETARY