

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2019 – 5:00 P.M.**

*Location: Community Meeting Room – West Hollywood City Hall  
8300 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood*

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Moreno-Freedman at 5:00 PM.

Arts Manager, Andrew Campbell, introduced new Grants Coordinator, Eva Angeloff.

**A. Pledge of Allegiance:** Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. Roll Call:**

Present:

Commissioner J. Dallas Dishman  
Commissioner Dan Faltz  
Commissioner Martin Gantman  
Commissioner Catherine Lee  
Commissioner Madeleine Rackley  
Commission Vice Chair Todd Williamson  
Commission Chair Dawn Moreno-Freedman

Also Present:

Arts Manager Andrew Campbell  
Recording Secretary DeeA'na Saunders  
Arts Coordinator Michael Che  
Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff  
Consultant Nancy Meyer

**C. Approval of the Agenda:**

Approval of the October 24, 2019 meeting agenda was **motioned by Commission Vice Chair Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Rackley, and approved unanimously with an amendment to the adjournment for the location of the Special Meeting in November.**

**D. Approval of the September 26, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Approval of the September 26, 2019 meeting minutes was **motioned by Commissioner Dishman, seconded by Commissioner Gantman, and approved unanimously.**

**E. Public Comment**

None.

**II. CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following matter were acted upon by one motion.

**Approval of the Consent Calendar was motioned by Commissioner Dishman, seconded by Commissioner Rackley, 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:** Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**B. Commercial Business Mural – 629 N. La Cienega Blvd.**

The Commission approved the Commercial Business Mural Application submitted by Sasha Masjedi, for 629 N. La Cienega Boulevard (Modern Rugs LA) featuring the artwork by approved Muralist Roster artist Oleg Jones.

**ACTION:** Receive and file. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

**III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Performing Arts & Cultural Affairs Subcommittee Report**

The Commission received a report from the Performing Arts & Cultural Affairs Subcommittee on its meeting held October 10, 2019.

Commissioner Rackley reported on the 2020 Artists Roundtable Professional Development Series. She shared there were 8 responses to the Request for Proposals, two of which were deemed nonresponsive because they were submitted late.

Commissioner Rackley estimated that the total cost for the project would be about \$12,000.

Board shared their thoughts on the proposals submitted.

Commissioner Rackley spoke about the WeHo Arts Community Grant request submitted by the Happy Notes Foundation for a production at Fiesta Hall which will include musical performances, dance and theater performances by children.

Lastly, Commissioner Rackley provided updates on various Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee projects. This included the current review of the One City One Pride grants, the ongoing Winter Sounds concerts, and new information regarding the Coast Playhouse.

**ACTIONS:**

- 1) Approve the Center for Cultural Innovation as the contractor to develop and oversee the Artists Roundtable Professional Development Series. **Motioned by Commissioner Gantman, seconded by Chair Moreno-Freedman, and approved unanimously.**

- 2) Approve the WeHo Community Arts Grant Request from Happy Notes in the amount of \$1,000. **Motioned by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commission Chair Williamson, and approved unanimously.**

**B. Urban Art Subcommittee Report**

Commissioner Gantman informed the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission that the Urban Art Subcommittee did not meet on October 17, 2019 due to lack of agenda items.

**ACTION:** None.

**C. Art on the Outside Subcommittee Report**

Commissioner Lee informed the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission that the Art on the Outside Subcommittee did not meet on October 24, 2019 due to lack of agenda items.

**ACTION:** None.

**IV. EXCLUDED CONSENT**

None.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**VI. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Rackley shared a flyer for Metropolitan Master Chorale's upcoming Pure Imagination concert.

Chair Moreno-Freedman shared compliments she received from attending different events around the City, which included feedback from members from the community, Staff and Councilmembers.

Commissioner Gantman shared compliments from Council as well.

**VII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF**

Arts Coordinator, Mike Che mentioned the new exhibit on view at West Hollywood Library, "Journey of the Bearded Tarot," and a WeHo Reads event, City of Immortals. Mike pointed out the new public art exhibit "The New Portrait" by Ryan McCann.

Lastly, Arts Coordinator shared that the on affordable housing waitlist will be 11/1 – 11/30 and encouraged the Commission to share this information with artists who they know are in need of affordable housing.

Arts Manager, Andrew Campbell, spoke on the WeHo Reads, City of Immortals, event.

Andrew Campbell also shared upcoming projects happening at Plummer Park.

Andrew Campbell reminded the Commission of the changes to the November and December Commission and Subcommittee meetings. He mentioned that Art in Odd Places is returning to the Art on the Outside Subcommittee.

Lastly, Andrew Campbell discussed the attendance of curator Ed Woodham at the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission meeting next month. He shared that Staff has set up time for Ed Woodham at Great Hall for community engagement and encouraged Commissioners to invite community out that could benefit from the conversation.

Lastly, Andrew Campbell informed the Commission of upcoming agenda items.

#### **VIII. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

The Commission authorized staff to develop the agenda for the special meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2019.

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned at 5:36 PM to its special meeting scheduled November 21, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. at Plummer Park – Great Hall, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard, West Hollywood.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
ON THIS 21ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2019.

  
DAWN MORENO-FREEDMAN, CHAIR

ATTEST:  
  
DEEA'NA SAUNDERS,  
RECORDING SECRETARY