

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, December 17, 2020 – 5:00 P.M.
*Teleconference Meeting***

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Williamson at 5:01 PM.

A. Pledge of Allegiance: Commissioner Dishman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Roll Call:

Present:

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

Absent: Commissioner Dawn Moreno-Freedman

Also Present: Acting Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann
Administrative Specialist IV/Recording Secretary Moya Márquez
Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff
Arts Technician Joy Tribble

C. Approval of the Agenda:

ACTION: Approval of the December 17, 2020 meeting agenda was **motioned by Commissioner Rackley, seconded by Commissioner Gantman, and approved unanimously.**

D. Approval of the November 19, 2020 Meeting Minutes

ACTION: Approval of the November 19, 2020 meeting minutes as amended was **motioned by Commissioner Dishman seconded by Commissioner Lee, and approved unanimously.**

E. Public Comment

JOHN ERICKSON, COUNCILMEMBER, WEST HOLLYWOOD, commended the Commission for their vision and leadership for the arts in West Hollywood, specifically noting the WeHo Artist Grantee Presentation on December 10th.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following routine matter was acted upon by one motion.

ACTION: Approval of the Consent Calendar was motioned by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Dishman, 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.**

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 December 3, 2020 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

Commissioner Rackley reported on the meeting, sharing that the Subcommittee had a brief presentation on the schedule and pedagogical strategy for the Artist Bootcamp from the Center for Cultural Innovation.

Commissioner Rackley shared that there were two actionable items. One involved the approval of multi-year Arts Project Grant and Organizational Development Grantees. The second involved approving three grantees who scored the highest to receive this year's WeHo Artist Grants.

Commissioner Rackley also mentioned that following the presentation with the Center for Cultural Innovation, the Subcommittee held a brief discussion involving the language in the grant applications. Specifically, the Subcommittee wishes to revise the language to ensure that the application is written in simpler English to ensure that artists without formal arts marketing education can more easily represent themselves.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Received and filed the Performing Arts & Cultural Affairs Subcommittee Report.
- 2) Ratified recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.
- 3) Approved the current Arts Project Grant and Organizational Development Grantees 2021 project proposals. **Motioned by Commissioner Dishman, seconded by Commissioner Gantman, and approved unanimously.**
- 4) Approved funding for three individual artist grants of \$5,000 for calendar year 2021 to artists Samantha Lavin, Tristian Kilmer and Antonio Rael, with clear language to ensure the artists understand that they will be required to present on their artwork to the West Hollywood Community. **Motioned by Commissioner Gantman, seconded by Commissioner Faltz, and approved unanimously.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

None.

V. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Dishman mentioned that his term expires in February. He wished well to the other Commissioners; in case he is asked to step down before the next meeting.

Commissioner Lee reported that she had a conversation about the Windows of WeHo program with Councilmember Meister, who was very supportive of the idea. She also talked about the Councilmember's interest in pursuing an Artist-In-Residency program at the Laurel House.

Commissioner Williamson wished everyone a happy holiday season and thanked Grant Coordinator Eva Angeloff for her work with the WeHo Artist Presentation on Thursday, December 10th.

Commissioner Faltz wished everyone a happy holiday season and thanked everyone for their hard work in 2020.

Commissioner Gantman wished everyone a happy holiday season.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Arts Technician Joy Tribble mentioned that the next WeHo Sounds online concert is at 6PM Friday.

Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff thanked the Commission for coming to the WeHo Artist Presentation on December 10th. She also mentioned that the website has been updated to show all organizations and artists funded through grants this year and shared that the Artist Bootcamp will begin in February.

Acting Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann thanked Eva for her work in the WeHo Artist Presentation on December 10th. She shared with the Commission that the video of the event is now on the Arts Division YouTube channel. She also thanked Joy for all her work in the WeHo Sounds Online Concert Series and thanked the Commission for accomplishing so much in 2020.

IX. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Commission authorized staff to develop the agenda for the meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2021.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned at 5:49 PM to its regularly scheduled meeting on January 28, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. via teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
ON THIS 28th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.

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Todd Williamson

TODD WILLIAMSON,
COMMISSION CHAIR

ATTEST:

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MOYA MARQUEZ,
RECORDING SECRETARY