

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 26, 2021 – 5:00 P.M.
*Teleconference Meeting***

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

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

B. Roll Call:

Present: Commissioner Lindsey Deaton
Commissioner Catherine Lee
Commissioner Martin Gantman
Commissioner Dawn Moreno-Freedman
Commission Vice Chair Dan Faltz
Commission Chair Martin Gantman

Absent: Commissioner Mito Aviles

Also Present: Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann
Arts Technician/Acting Recording Secretary Joy Tribble
City Clerk Melissa Crowder
Arts Coordinator Michael Che
Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff

C. Approval of the Agenda:

Staff asked the Commission to move Item IVD before IIIA.

ACTION: Approval of the August 26, 2021 meeting agenda as amended was **motioned by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Faltz, and approved unanimously.**

D. Approval of the July 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes

ACTION: Approval of the July 22, 2021 meeting minutes was **motioned by Commissioner Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Faltz, and approved unanimously.**

E. Public Comment

None.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following routine matter was acted upon by one motion.

ACTION: Approval of the Consent Calendar as amended was motioned by Commissioner Faltz, seconded by Commissioner Deaton, 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 and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee Report

The Commission received a report from the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee on its meeting held August 12, 2021 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

Commissioner Faltz reported that the Subcommittee made funding recommendations for the Arts Project, Organization Development, and Transgender Arts Initiative Grants. The approval of these funding recommendations was discussed as a later item on this agenda, item IV.C.

ACTIONS:

1) Receive and file the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee Report.

B. Art on the Outside Subcommittee Report

The Commission received a report from the Art on the Outside Subcommittee on its meeting held August 26, 2021 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

Commissioner Lee shared that the new digital artwork for the Sunset Spectacular was approved. These artworks included *The Histories (Version)*, 2021 by David Hartt presented in collaboration with the Hammer Museum; and *Open My Glade (Flatten)*, 2000 and *Peeping Freedom*, 2021 by Pipilotti Rist presented in collaboration with MoCA. Both pieces will run in conjunction with exhibitions at the Hammer and MoCA. The Subcommittee held a discussion with Orange Barrel Media on including more diverse artists and more artists from the Los Angeles area. The Subcommittee also discussed the interspersed timing of the art on the billboards and expressed a desire to see the Art on the Hour instead.

Commissioner Lee then shared that the first project for the Windows of WeHo exhibition is before the Commission today for approval. The artist, Karlsen Clay, is a West Hollywood Artist who was selected from the Windows of WeHo Prequalified List.

ACTIONS:

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

2) Approval of the temporary art project proposal, *The Histories (Version)*, 2021 by David Hartt presented in collaboration with the Hammer Museum, submitted by

Orange Barrell Media, for exhibition on the electronic billboards at 8775 Sunset Boulevard from 8/26/21 – 12/30/21.

Approve the temporary art project proposal, *Open My Glade (Flatten)*, 2000 and *Peeping Freedom*, 2021 by Pipilotti Rist presented in collaboration with MOCA, submitted by Orange Barrell Media, for exhibition on the electronic billboards at 8775 Sunset Boulevard from 9/7/21 – 6/6/22. **Motioned by Commissioner Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Faltz and approved unanimously.**

- 3) Approve the temporary art project proposal by Karlsen Clay for the Windows of WeHo (WoW) Exhibition at 8805 Santa Monica Boulevard. **Motioned by Commissioner Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Gantman and approved unanimously.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Fiscal Year 2022 Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission Subcommittee Structure and Appointment To The Library Programming Committee

The Commission reviewed and considered approval of its Subcommittee’s structures (*Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee, Urban Art Subcommittee, and the Art on the Outside Subcommittee*) for FY 2022 as proposed by the Chair and consider appointing a commissioner to sit on the Library Cultural Programming Committee.

Melissa Crowder, West Hollywood City Clerk, explained how Subcommittees exist and function in the City, and explained that alternates will no longer be created.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Approve the Subcommittee structure for FY 2022 for the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee, the Urban Art Subcommittee and the Art on the Outside Subcommittee as proposed by the Chair, with the following structure:

Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee	Urban Art Subcommittee	Art on the Outside Subcommittee
Mito Aviles, Chair	Cat Lee, Chair	Lindsey Deaton, Chair
Dawn Moreno-Freedman	Martin Gantman	Cat Lee
Dan Faltz	Todd Williamson	Martin Gantman

Motioned by Commissioner Faltz, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and approved unanimously.

- 2) Appoint Commissioners Faltz and Commissioner Moreno-Freedman to sit on the Library Cultural Programming Committee. **Motioned by Commissioner Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Lee and approved unanimously.**

B. Fiscal Year 2022 Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission Liaison Selection

The Commission heard from Melissa Crowder, City Clerk, on the purpose, role, and responsibilities of liaisons from the Commission to other City Boards and Commissions. The Commission held a discussion on appointing liaisons but took no action.

ACTIONS: None. Receive and file.

C. 2022 Arts Grant Program Funding Recommendations – Arts Project, Organizational Development, And Transgender Arts Initiative Grants

The Commission considered the recommendations of the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee to fund 15 Arts Grant Program applicants for the 2022 Arts Project, Organizational Development, and Transgender Arts Initiative Grant categories. The Commission will also consider designating \$7,000 of unallocated funds from the Transgender Arts Initiative Grant to support a project(s), proposed for the One City One Pride LGBTQ Arts Festival, to present artworks in West Hollywood by transgender/non-binary/GNC artists, artist collectives or groups, and non-profit organizations with a history of supporting transgender/non-binary/GNC artists that enhances work by transgender/non-binary/GNC artists.

Eva Angeloff, Grants Coordinator, shared that there was a typo in the agenda. The full amount of unallocated funds to be requested for the transfer from the Transgender Arts Initiative to the One City One Pride LGBTQ Arts Festival Grant category is \$7,000.

The Commission discussed better ways to do outreach to the Transgender Community to inform them on the additional funding from the Transgender Arts Initiative grant opportunity for the One City One Pride LGBTQ Arts Festival.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Approve the recommendations of the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee to fund 15 new arts grant applicants for the 2022 Arts Project, Organizational Development, and Transgender Arts Initiative Grant categories. **Motioned by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Deaton and approved unanimously.**
- 2) Approve the reservation of \$7,000 of unallocated funds from the Transgender Arts Initiative Grant category to support a project or projects, proposed for the One City One Pride LGBTQ Arts Festival grant category, to present artworks in West Hollywood by transgender/non-binary/GNC artists, artist collectives or groups, and non-profit organizations with a history of supporting transgender/non-binary/GNC artists that enhances work by transgender/non-binary/GNC artists. **Motioned by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Faltz and approved unanimously.**

D. Drag Laureate Selection Committee

The Commission shall select one Commission Member to be part of the City's selection committee.

Janet Jimenez, Assistant to the City Manager, shared that the City is forming a Drag Laureate Selection Committee comprised of different members from various City Commissions and Advisory Boards. Janet asked the Commission to nominate a Commissioner, and the Commission nominated Commissioner Williamson.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Select Commissioner Williamson to be part of the City's Drag Laureate selection committee. **Motioned by Commissioner Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman and approved unanimously.**

V. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Deaton thanked staff for their hard work.

Commissioner Faltz congratulated everyone who was appointed as a Chair to a Subcommittee.

Commissioner Lee spoke in favor of the Urban Art Guidelines being applied to affordable housing developments.

Commissioner Williamson shared that his new gallery show opens in September in New York City. He also thanked everyone for their support to him as the chair.

Commissioner Moreno-Freedman asked for a roster of Commissioners and also shared for a guidebook to summarize the rules of orders for meetings.

Commissioner Gantman thanked everyone for his support, and thanked Joy Tribble for filling in as the Recording Secretary. He also expressed how proud he was that the Urban Art Guidelines finally passed the City Council level.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Grants Coordinator, Eva Angeloff, asked everyone to stay tuned to the WeHo Performance Art Grantees schedule which will arrive via newsletter.

Arts Coordinator, Mike Che, shared that the One City One Pride LGBTQ Arts Festival Grant application is currently open, and he encouraged all Commissioners to continue to do outreach.

Arts Technician, Joy Tribble, shared upcoming concerts as part of the WeHo Sounds and WeHo LIVE! concert series.

Arts Manager, Rebecca Ehemann, asked everyone to continue to do outreach for the open art opportunities. She also announced that the City has released the first of three calls for artwork related to Multicultural Holidays.

IX. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Commission authorized staff to develop the agenda for the meeting on Thursday, September 23, 2021.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned at 6:58 PM to its regularly scheduled meeting on September 23, 2021, at 5:00 p.m. via teleconference.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION ON THIS 23rd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.

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MARTIN GANTMAN,
COMMISSION CHAIR

ATTEST:

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MOYA MARQUEZ,
RECORDING SECRETARY