

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 25, 2022 – 5:00 P.M.
WEST HOLLYWOOD PLUMMER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER, ROOMS 5 & 6
7377 SANTA MONICA BLVD.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Faltz at 5:02 p.m.

A. Land Acknowledgement: Chair Faltz read the Land Acknowledgement.

B. Pledge of Allegiance: Chair Faltz led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. Roll Call:

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

Also Present: Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann
Administrative Specialist IV/Recording Secretary Dennice Oceguela
Arts Coordinator Michael Che
Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff
Arts Specialist Joy Tribble
Public Art Consultant Jessica Rich

D. Approval of the Agenda:

ACTION: Approval of the August 25, 2022 meeting agenda **motioned by Commissioner Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman, and approved unanimously.**

E. Approval of the July 28, 2022 Meeting Minutes

ACTION: Approval of the July 28, 2022 meeting minutes was **motioned by Commissioner Williamson, seconded by Commissioner Deaton, and approved unanimously.**

F. Public Comment

Katie Bright, West Hollywood sent in an email in support of item 4B.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following routine matter was acted upon by one motion.

Approval of the Consent Calendar was **motioned by Commissioner Deaton, 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: 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 11, 2022 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

Vice Chair Aviles asked Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff to present the overview of the 2023 Arts Grant Funding Recommendations.

ACTION:

- 1) Received and filed the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee Report.
- 2) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to fund Scenario A that would allocate funding for the 2023 Arts Project Grant and Transgender Arts Initiative Grant **Motioned by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman, seconded by Commissioner Deaton and approved unanimously.**
- 3) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to transfer \$4,000 from Organizational Development Grant to Arts Project Grant. **Motioned by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman, seconded by Commissioner Deaton and approved unanimously.**
- 4) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve funding for a maximum of four (4) Community Arts Grants- *Age Inclusion in Media (AIM), Alliance of Los Angeles Playwrights, Chicana Directors Initiative: Screening Room, and East West Players* of \$3,000 each for calendar year 2023. **Motioned by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman, seconded by Commissioner Deaton and approved unanimously.**
- 5) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve funding for a maximum of three (3) West Hollywood Artist Grants for calendar year 2023: *Ignacio Damaude, Sharmin Rahman, and Steven Reigns* will be awarded \$5,000 each. **Motioned by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman, seconded by Commissioner Deaton and approved unanimously.**

B. Art on the Outside Subcommittee Report

The Commission received a report from Commissioner Deaton on the Art on the Outside Subcommittee for its meeting held August 25, 2022 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

ACTION:

- 1) Received and filed the Art on the Outside Subcommittee Report.
- 2) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve WeHo Muralist Roster Application submitted by Katbing, Commercial Business Mural Application – 8775 Melrose Avenue (The Butcher's Daughter), and artworks by Sabrina Gshwandtner, Rineke Dijkstra, Jen Liu, and Thania Petersen for the Moving Image Media Art Program (MIMA) – Proposal for Exhibitions at 9157 Sunset Boulevard (Streamlined Arbor). **Motioned by Commissioner Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Gantman and approved unanimously.**
- 3) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve Temporary Art Project Proposals by artists Sophia Lee, *Geo Cache Acorn Treasure hunt*, Sean Noyce, *HB7: Cruising*, Britt Westveer, *We've Always Been Here*, Yeu Q Nguyen, *Weaving Hope*, Alexandrew Murucci, *L.A. Romance* Jessica Goehring, *LightWave*, and Nicole Goodwin (GOODW.Y.N.) *Ain't I a Woman (?/!): The Woman*. **Motioned by Commissioner Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Gantman and approved unanimously.**
- 4) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to invite Keenan Hartsten, *Honeycomb Harmonies*, and Terry Konrath for an opportunity to discuss their artwork further in a future meeting. **Motioned by Commissioner Deaton, seconded by Vice Chair Aviles and approved unanimously.**
- 5) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to deny Marisabel Bazan, *III Camino della Farfalla II*, Meeson Pae, *Reverberate*, Michael Jang, *Mural Anne Bray, Do You Belong Here?*, Adrian Litman, *Magic Birds bench*, Collette Miller, *Global Angel Wings Project*, Irene Daylene, *Sumo's in Merry Moods*, Jose Trejo Maya, *Transparencies in Time*, Eva Montealegre, *Cosmic Connection*, Dennis RedMoon Darkeem, *Hour Glass*, and Janae Young, *POV Orb*. **Motioned by Commissioner Deaton, seconded by Vice Chair Aviles and approved unanimously.**
- 6) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to extend Scott Froschauer, *UR OK* and *ONE LOVE* (Neon Exhibition) current contract for 1-year with a budget of \$10,000 dollars and, to refer to the Urban Art Subcommittee to consider the acquisition of the artworks for the city's Urban Art Collection. **Motioned by Commissioner Gantman, seconded by Commissioner Lee and approved unanimously.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission Purview and Bylaws Review

The Commission and staff reviewed the Commission's purview as outlines in the Municipal Code as well as the Bylaws governing the Commission.

ACTION:

Discussed and provided direction as necessary.

B. 8920 Sunset Boulevard Neon Globe

The Commission considered staff recommendation to remove and preserve the Neon Globe from 8920 Sunset Boulevard.

ACTION:

- 1) Approved the removal and preservation of the Neon Globe from 8920 Sunset Boulevard. **Motioned by Commissioner Gantman, seconded by Commissioner Lee and approved unanimously.**

- 2) Approved staff to return to the Urban Art Subcommittee at a future meeting to discuss an installation location for the project. **Motioned by Commissioner Gantman, seconded by Vice Chair Aviles and approved unanimously.**

V. EXCLUDED CONSENT

None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Deaton shared updates from the City Manager Playhouse Advisory Group meeting and expressed to the Commission that she is happy to answer any questions about the project.

Commissioner Moreno-Freedman shared that she is teaching a writers' workshop called *Writing Secret Love Stories* at the LBGT Center in October.

Commissioner Williamson shared that he will be going to Germany for a series of exhibitions for his artwork. Also shared that he will not be at next month's meeting because of his exhibition.

Commissioner Lee shared her distress about Women's rights being eroded in the wake of the Supreme Court's ruling and asked the Commission to consider seeking ways for artists to create work in response to the action.

Vice Chair Aviles shared that he attended the last Summer Sounds concert of the season and applaud Arts Specialist Joy Tribble for all her success with the program.

Chair Faltz reminded the Commission to adhere to the guidelines when reviewing projects or programs for the Commission/Subcommittees, also gave a few tips on how to add as much feedback as possible.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Arts Intern Jesse Reid introduced himself to the Commission and shared that he is a film student in California State Northridge. He also shared that he works with Mike on scheduling Arts Division social media posts and the creation of the e-newsletter. He also is assisting Joy with Summer Sounds and will assist her with Free Theatre in the Park.

Arts Specialist Joy Tribble thanked the Commission for attending and staff for assisting during the 2022 Summer Sounds concert series. She also invited the Commission to the Free Theatre in the Park presentation of *The Romantics* produced by Classical Theatre Lab. The performances will take place on September 10, 11, 17, 18, 24, and 25 at 3:00 p.m. at Kings Road Park.

Arts Coordinator Michael Che shared that he is working on deinstalling the Meringue public art installation by Kiduck Kim located on the Santa Monica Boulevard median at Doheny Drive with deinstallation beginning on September 12. Michael also shared that WeHo Reads returns with three literary events on September 20, October 5, and November 15; all take place at 6:00 p.m. on the WeHo Arts YouTube channel.

Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff shared more detail on the 2023 Arts Grant Funding. Eva specified that the Transgender Arts Initiative Grant received more applications than last year by 400%. Eva also shared that there was a total of 49 applications with over half being new applicants. Eva shared that there will be a grantee orientation and site visit for the Plummer Park facilities on October 20, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. Eva also shared the success of the New Arts Foundation exhibition in Long Hall at Plummer Park titled *High as the Sky*. Eva also shared that the September Newsletter will have all Grantee events information, Brockus Project Dance Company presents "*WomXn*" on September 23, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., Celebration Theater presents "*Birthday Brunch*" by Jen Olivares on September 29, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.. Eva concluded her comments by stating that the funding item that the Commission recommended will be presented to City Council on September 19, 2022 for approval.

Public Art Consultant Jessica Rich shared that Sabrina Gschwandtner's *Three Overlooked Women Filmmakers* will be displayed at the Top of every hour and at 20 and 40 minutes every hour on the "Streamlined Arbor" Digital Billboard at 9157 Sunset Boulevard from October 1, 2022 through January 31, 2023.

Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann shared that she is working on finalizing contract for Kimberli Meyer and Sara Daleiden who will provide art consulting services for the Artist Residency Program. Rebecca encouraged Commissioners to save the date for City Council's October 3, 2022 meeting where the Arts Division will have two items on the Agenda, City Playhouse and Laurel House. Rebecca also shared that *Studs Theatre* is for sale and encouraged the Commissioners to speak to City Council members to consider purchasing it for another potential Arts and Cultural venue. Rebecca concluded her comments by sharing the intro of the *Virtual Public Art Tour* (combo of 12 temporary and permanent public artworks).

IX. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

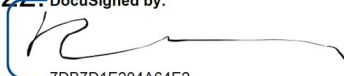
The Commission authorized staff to develop the agenda for the meeting on Thursday, September 22, 2022.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned at 6:36 p.m. to its meeting scheduled on September 22, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. at West Hollywood Plummer Park Community Center, Rooms 5 & 6, 7377 Santa Monica Boulevard.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
ON THIS 25th DAY OF AUGUST 2022.

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DAN FALTZ
COMMISSION CHAIR

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