

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 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 5:01 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 (joined meeting at 5:07pm)  
Commissioner Dawn Moreno-Freedman  
Commission Chair Dan Faltz

Absent: Commission Vice Chair Mito Aviles  
Commissioner Todd Williamson

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 September 22, 2022 meeting agenda **motioned by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman, seconded by Commissioner Deaton, and approved unanimously.**

**E. Approval of the August 25, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

**ACTION:** Approval of the September 22, 2022 meeting minutes was **motioned by Commissioner Deaton, seconded by Chair Faltz, and approved unanimously.**

**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 Commissioner Gantman, seconded by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman 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. Updated Cultural Equity Statement**

The Commission received and adopted the updated Cultural Equity Statement which incorporates the official definitions of diversity, equity, and inclusion adopted by the City of West Hollywood and edits from the City Attorney to comply with Proposition 209.

**ACTION:**

- 1) Received and adopted the updated Cultural Equity Statement. **Motioned by Commissioner Gantman, seconded by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman and approved unanimously.**

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

The Commission received a report from the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee on its meeting held September 8, 2022 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

Commissioner Moreno-Freedman and Chair Faltz summarized the discussion the subcommittee had in regard to the 2023 WeHo Pride LGBTQ Arts Festival Curator/Producer RFQ.

**ACTION:**

- 1) Received and filed the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee Report.
- 2) Approved the final version of the 2023 WeHo Pride LGBTQ Arts Festival Curator/Producer Request for Qualifications (RFQ) with amended edits from the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission. **Motioned by Commissioner Gantman, seconded by Commissioner Lee and approved unanimously.**

**C. 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 September 22, 2022, and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

Commissioner Deaton stated that Britt Westveer, *We've Always Been Here* and Keenan Harsten, *Honeycomb Harmonies* will present their artwork proposals at future Art on the Outside Subcommittee meetings.

Commissioner Deaton also shared that the Subcommittee had a discussion regarding the Santa Monica Boulevard at Doheny Drive median. The Subcommittee recommended that the Staff draft a RFQ for review at a future meeting.

**ACTION:**

- 1) Received and filed the Art on the Outside Subcommittee Report.
- 2) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve the revised project budget presented by Sean Noyce for HB7: Cruising. **Motioned by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Deaton and approved unanimously.**
- 3) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve the revised Temporary Art Project proposal by Terry Konrath. **Motioned by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Gantman and approved unanimously.**
- 4) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve the artworks *THREE OVERLOOKED WOMEN FILMMAKERS*, Parts 1, 2, and 3 by Sabrina Gschwandtner, for the Moving Image Media Art Program (MIMA) for exhibition at 9157 Sunset Boulevard (Streamlined Arbor) from October 1, 2022 – January 31, 2023. **Motioned by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Chair Faltz and approved unanimously.**
- 5) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve WeHo Muralist Roster applications submitted by Artists Belen Islas, CJ Hungerman, CK Reed, David Kim, De Shawn Huff, Dylan Keene, Galen Robinson, Jenny Vyas, Ken Barnett, Lizi Phoenix, Mark Hewko, Mary Vasquez, Michael Corr, Michelle Guerrero, Nina Palomba, Parisa Parnian, Rael Ramirez, Renee Fox, Rich Alapack, Sima Jo Benson, Sunny Allis, Timothy Smith, and Tony Martin. **Motioned by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Gantman and approved unanimously.**
- 6) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to deny WeHo Muralist Roster applications submitted by artists Amanda Lucia Cote, Ian Stewart, John Llamas, and Thomas Murphy. **Motioned by Chair Faltz, seconded by Commissioner Lee and approved unanimously.**
- 7) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to direct staff to remove all WeHo Muralist Roster artists who are subjected to the two-year review. **Motioned by Commissioner Deaton, seconded by Chair Faltz and approved noting a no vote from Commissioner Lee.**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Fiscal Year 2023 Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission Subcommittee's Structures and Appointment to the Library Cultural Programming Committee**

The Commission reviewed and considered the approval of its Subcommittee's structures (Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee, Urban Art Subcommittee, and the Art on the Outside Subcommittee) for FY 2023 as proposed by the Chair and considered appointing a commissioner to sit on the Library Cultural Programming Committee.

**ACTION:**

Approved the Subcommittee structure for FY 2023 for the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee, the Urban Art Subcommittee and the Art on the Outside Subcommittee, and Library Cultural Programming Committee as proposed by the chair. **Motioned by Commissioner Gantman, seconded by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman and approved unanimously.**

**V. EXCLUDED CONSENT**

None.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Moreno-Freedman asked if the Commission would ever meet in City Hall again, Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann stated that the Commission will continue to meet at the Plummer Park Community Center until further notice. Commissioner Moreno-Freedman concluded her comments by asking if the pledge of allegiance needs to take place at the beginning of the meetings, Arts Manager Ehemann stated that she will ask City Clerk.

Commissioner Deaton thanked the commission for her opportunity to serve as chair of the Art on the Outside Subcommittee.

Commissioner Lee wished Commissioner Deaton the best of luck in both Art of the Outside Subcommittee and Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee.

Chair Faltz showed excitement for everyone's new Subcommittee appointment and showed appreciation for everyone's commitment.

**VIII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF**

Arts Specialist Joy Tribble invited the Commission to the last weekend of Free Theatre in the Park presentation of *The Romantics* produced by Classical Theatre Lab. The performances will take place on September 24 and 25 at 3:00 p.m. at Kings Road Park.

Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff shared Grantee events information, Brockus Project Dance Company presents "*WomXn*" on September 23 and 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. Eva concluded her comments by stating the success of the WeHo Artists Roundtable meeting.

Arts Coordinator Michael Che shared that WeHo Reads: *Expansive Vistas and Hidden Corners* event from September 20 can be viewed on the WeHo Arts YouTube channel. The next live virtual event for WeHo Reads: *Poets Laureate Across America* is taking place on October 5, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Michael also shared information about the WeHo Reads Photo Competition.

Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann 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 concluded her comments by sharing that the Laurel House Artist Residency consultant team of Kimberli Meyer and

Sara Daleiden will be invited to the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee next month for discussion.


**IX. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

The Commission authorized staff to develop the agenda for the meeting on Thursday, October 27, 2022.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned at 6:12 p.m. to its meeting scheduled on October 27, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022

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