

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL, FIRST FLOOR COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM,
8300 SANTA MONICA BLVD.**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Aviles at 5:01 p.m.

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

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

C. Roll Call:

Present: Commissioner Cameron Faber
Commissioner Dan Faltz
Commissioner Sigourney Gunther
Commissioner Catherine Lee
Commissioner Dawn Moreno-Freedman
Commission Vice Chair Lindsey Deaton
Commission Chair Mito Aviles

Absent: None

Also Present: Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann
Administrative Specialist IV/Recording Secretary Dennice Oceguela
Arts Coordinator Michael Che
Public Art Administrator Marcus Mitchell
Arts Specialist Joy Tribble
Public Art Contractor Jessica Rich

D. Approval of the Agenda:

ACTION: Approval of the April 25, 2024 meeting agenda was **motioned by Vice Chair Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Faber, and approved unanimously.**

E. Approval of the February 22, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

ACTION: Approval of the March 28, 2024 was **motioned by Commissioner Faltz, seconded by Commissioner Gunther and approved with an abstain vote from Commissioner Faber.**

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 Faber, 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: Received and filed. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Art on the Outside Subcommittee Report

The Commission received a report from Commissioner Faltz on the Art on the Outside Subcommittee for its meeting held April 25, 2024 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Received and filed the Art on the Outside Subcommittee Report.
- 2) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve the final artwork submission from artist Sarah Foelske with suggested comments. **Motioned by Commissioner Faber, seconded by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman and approved unanimously.**
- 3) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to direct staff to return with a drafted Plan. **Motioned by Chair Aviles, seconded by Vice Chair Deaton and approved unanimously.**
- 4) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve the 40th Anniversary Project – Art in Odd Places Exhibition proposal with a budget not-to-exceed \$85,000. **Motioned by Vice Chair Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Faber and approved unanimously.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS None.

V. EXCLUDED CONSENT None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT None.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Moreno-Freedman shared an email advocating for Community from the Skirball Cultural Center.

Vice Chair Deaton asked the Commission to keep her father in high regard.

Commissioner Lee announced that she is expecting a baby.

Commissioner Faltz thanked everyone for a great meeting.

Chair Aviles thanked everyone for the meeting. Chair Aviles reminded Commissioners to speak to their Council members about Janet Zweig's temporary art project, *A Poetry Generator for WeHo* so the item can be brought back to a future City Council meeting.

Chair Aviles also asked staff to bring back the commercial business mural application for 1234 N. La Brea Avenue by artist Paz de la Calzada. **Motioned by Commissioner Gunther seconded by Vice Chair Deaton and approved noting a No vote by Commissioner Lee.**

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Arts Coordinator Mike Che reminded the Commissioners that April is National Poetry Month and mentioned that it is City Poet Laureate Jen Cheng's birthday. Mike also thanked Commissioner Moreno-Freedman for attending the WeHo Reads Poetry Spa event. Mike also invited the Commissioners to WeHo Reads Asian Diaspora Talk Story on May 8, 2024, the Harvey Milk Day event on May 22, 2024, and the WeHo Pride Arts Festival from June 14 to June 16, 2024.

Public Art Administrator Marcus shared that the Rainbow Neon Dog will be dedicated on a tentative date of May 10, 2024.

Arts Specialist Joy Tribble reminded the Commission that the deadline for the Free Theatre in the Parks open call is April 29, 2024.

Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann shared details about the Artist Roundtable on "AI in Art". Rebecca also shared details about the Arts Division items that will be on the agenda for the City Council meeting on May 6, 2024. Rebecca also shared details about the Advisory Board/Commission Pride float.

IX. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Commission authorized staff to develop the agenda for the meeting on Thursday, May 23, 2024.

X. ADJOURNMENT


The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned at 5:44 p.m. to its meeting scheduled for May 23, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. to be held at the West Hollywood City Hall, 1st Floor – Community Meeting Room located at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
ON THIS 23rd DAY OF MAY 2024.

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COMMISSION VICE CHAIR

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RECORDING SECRETARY