

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, MAY 23, 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 Vice Chair Deaton at 5:00 p.m.

**A. Land Acknowledgement:** Vice Chair Deaton read the Land Acknowledgement.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance:** Vice Chair Deaton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Roll Call:**

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

Absent: Commissioner Cameron Faber  
Commission Chair Mito Aviles

Also Present: Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann  
Administrative Specialist IV/Recording Secretary Dennice Oceguela  
Public Art Administrator Marcus Mitchell  
Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff  
Public Art Contractor Jessica Rich

**D. Approval of the Agenda:**

**ACTION:** Approval of the May 23, 2024 meeting agenda with item 4B moved to the consent calendar was **motioned by Commissioner Faltz, seconded by Vice Chair Deaton, and approved unanimously.**

**E. Approval of the April 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes:**

**ACTION:** Approval of the April 25, 2024 was **motioned by Commissioner Gunther, seconded by Commissioner Lee 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 Lee, seconded by Commissioner Faltz 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.**

**B. WeHo Pride Arts Festival Update**

The Commission received information on events, exhibitions, and activities taking place for the City's 2024 WeHo Pride Arts Festival.

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

**III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Commercial Business Mural Application – 1234 N. La Brea (“The Huxley”)**

The Commission reviewed a Commercial Business Mural Application from The Huxley Apartments at 1234 N. La Brea Avenue for a mural by Paz de la Calzada that was previously approved by the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission on March 28, 2024.

**ACTION:**

The Commission reviewed the application for the Commercial Business Mural Application from The Huxley Apartments at 1234 N La Brea Avenue for a mural by Paz de la Calzada and approved the proposal. **Motioned by Vice Chair Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Lee and approved unanimously.**

**B. 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 May 23, 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 temporary art project proposals, Long Low Line (FORDLAND), 2019 by Danielle Dean and Télévoix 2 (excerpts), 2019 by Victoria Fu, submitted by Orange Barrell Media, for Exhibition on the electronic billboards at 8775 Sunset Boulevard (Sunset Spectacular) from May 30, 2023 – September 30, 2024. **Motioned by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman, seconded by Vice Chair Deaton and approved unanimously.**
- 3) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve Moses Ball, Danté Marshall, and Timothy Smith as the three semi-finalists from a shortlist of ten pre-qualified artists to submit proposals for a new mural at City Hall celebrating the 40th Anniversary of Cityhood. **Motioned by Vice Chair Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Lee and approved unanimously.**

- 4) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve the applications received from Alessia Lupo-Cecchet, Alexander Reben, Alexander Arrechea, Alison O'Daniel, BEA LAMAR, Blass De Blas, Boris Seewald, Carlo Valentino, Chad Attie, Chris May, Cory Archangel, Courtney Carter, Da'Shaunae Jackson-Lewis, Darin Vartanian, Elise Weiland, Elizabeth Bayne, Elizabeth Leister, Erin Adams, Greg Niemeyer, Guy Bergman, Ibuki Kuramochi, Janie Fitzgerald, Jocelyn R.C., Jody Zellen, Laure Prouvost, Lia Halloran, Liza Filosof, Luciana Abait, Neha Choksi, Neil Mendoza, NONOTAK, Raul Gonzo, Sabrina Ratte, Sara Ludy, Sara Silkin, Thomas Trail, Tianzhuo Chen, and Yiou Wang and decline Abieyuwa Eigbobo, Darleen Martinez, Dusty Peppers, Gabrielle Jennings, Jennifer Fox Armour, Jose Trejo Maya, Jérôme Brunet, Reginald McKinley, and Tom Wright for the Moving Image Media Art Program Prequalified List. **Motioned by Vice Chair Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Lee and approved unanimously.**

**C. 2024 Winter Season Artwork RFQ Application Review**

The Commission reviewed submissions received in response to the 2024 Winter Season Artwork Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and select three (3) semi-finalist artists and two (2) alternate artists to create proposal artworks for the City's annual street pole banner display and social media campaign.

The Commission expressed interest in having this item moved to the Art on the Outside (AOTO) Subcommittee for review starting next year.

**ACTION:**

The Commissioner selected Daniel Sulzberg, LP Ækili Ross, and Stephanie Lane Gage as the semi-finalist artists and Cynthia Nava and Scott Park as alternate artists to create proposal artworks for the City's 2024 winter season street pole banner display and social media campaign. **Motioned by Vice Chair Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Faltz and approved unanimously.**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Free Theatre in the Park 2024**

The Commission considered Pacific Opera Project to present an in-person production in September 2024 at Kings Road Park for the City's Free Theatre in the Park Program.

**ACTION:**

The Commissioner approved Pacific Opera Project to present an in-person theatrical production in September 2024 at Kings Road Park for the City's Free Theatre Program. **Motioned by Vice Chair Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Faltz and approved unanimously.**

**B. Arts Grant Program – Peer Review**

The Commission approved the peer review panelist applications for the inclusion in the master roster of peer review panelists to assist the City with review and scoring of Arts Grant Program applications and authorize staff to secure peer review panelists and provide an honorarium for panelists who serve.

**ACTION: Approved as part of the Consent Calendar**

**V. EXCLUDED CONSENT** None.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT** None.

**VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Faltz shared that Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann and former Arts Manager Andrew Cambell were mentioned at a recent meeting he attended in Orange County. He enthusiastically noted that the work of the Arts Division and the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission is gaining recognition in other cities.

Vice Chair Deaton shared her positive remarks about the Harvey Milk Day Event. She also read a poem that was written at the event in memory of her father.

**VIII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF**

Public Art Administrator Marcus Mitchell thanked AOTO for their attentiveness as they review items in the Subcommittee.

Grant Coordinator Eva Angeloff reminded the Commission that the grants application deadline is July 1, 2024. She also shared the success of the WeHo Arts Grant Virtual Workshop that took place on May 22, 2024. She also shared that City Council approved the City Playhouse Item at the May 20, 2024 meeting. She concluded her comments by encouraging the Commission to provide public comments at City Council meetings to inform the community about the month's art programming.

Administrative Specialist IV/Recording Secretary Dennice Oceguela reminded the Commission that the WeHo Pride Arts Festival will take place from June 14 to June 16, 2024.

Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann shared details about the next steps for the City Playhouse. She also echoed Commissioner Deaton's positive remarks about the Harvey Milk Day event.

**IX. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA**


The Commission authorized staff to develop the agenda for the meeting on Thursday, June 27, 2024.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned in memory of Commissioner Deaton's father at 5:54 p.m. to its meeting scheduled for June 27, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. to be held at the West Hollywood City Hall, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Community Meeting Room located at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
ON THIS 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JUNE 2024.

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COMMISSION VICE CHAIR

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