

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 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 5:00 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
Commission Vice Chair Lindsey Deaton
Commission Chair Mito Aviles

Absent: Commissioner Catherine Lee
Commissioner Dawn Moreno-Freedman

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

D. Approval of the Agenda:

ACTION: Approval of the June 27, 2024 meeting agenda, with New Business addressed before Unfinished Business was **motioned by Vice Chair Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Faber, and approved unanimously.**

E. Approval of the May 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

ACTION: Approval of the May 23, 2024 was **motioned by Commissioner Faltz, seconded by Vice Chair Deaton and approved unanimously noting 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 Deaton, 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.**

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Urban Art Subcommittee Report

The Commission received a report from Commissioner Gunther on the Urban Art Subcommittee for its meeting held June 20, 2024 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Received and filed the Urban Art Subcommittee Report
- 2) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve the proposed changes for the urban artwork *Virtual Paths: Data Sculptures* by Refik Anadol at 8497 Sunset Boulevard (The NOW). **Motioned by Commissioner Gunther, seconded by Commissioner Faltz 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 June 27, 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 solicit temporary exhibitions of prefabricated sculpture for the traffic median at Santa Monica Blvd. and Doheny Dr. at a not-to-exceed budget of \$75,000; and to consider the selection of a temporary exhibition of prefabricated sculpture received through the 'Art on the Outside' Open Call. **Motioned by Vice Chair Deaton, seconded by Chair Aviles and approved unanimously.**
- 3) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve the extension of the exhibition term through September 30, 2024 and an increase of \$460 to the project budget for the "We've Always Been Here" mural by Britt Westveer located at City Hall. **Motioned by Vice Chair Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Faltz and approved unanimously.**

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Ladies of Courage Arts Festival

The Commission received a presentation from Audri Phillips, Executive Producer, Founder and Director, Ladies of Courage Arts Festival, about the proposed city co-sponsorship for the Ladies of Courage Arts Festival 2024.

ACTION:

Received the presentation and provided feedback as necessary.

V. EXCLUDED CONSENT None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT None.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Vice Chair Deaton thanked staff for the meeting.

Commissioner Faber shared that he enjoyed the WeHo Pride Arts Festival including the Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles (GMCLA) performance at Plummer Park.

Commissioner Gunther asked staff if it was possible to install artwork at the Gateway on La Brea and Santa Monica.

Commissioner Faltz shared that he also enjoyed the WeHo Pride Arts Festival.

Chair Aviles also shared that he enjoyed the WeHo Pride Arts Festival.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Arts Specialist Joy Tribble invited the Commission to Summer Sounds 2024, beginning on July 7, 2024. She also shared that the 2024 Free Theatre in the Parks will take place in September at Kings Road Park.

Grant Coordinator Eva Angeloff reminded the Commission that the grants application deadline is July 1, 2024. She also shared that the 40th Anniversary Cultural History Grant will open on July 1, 2024 and the deadline to apply is August 29, 2024. She also shared that the Bboy/Bgirl summit will take place on July 19, 2024 in Fiesta Hall.

Public Art Administrator Marcus Mitchell reminded the Commission that the deadline for Art on the Outside Open Call for Temporary Art Project Proposals is June 30, 2024. Marcus also provided an update on the preliminary art plan for the Aquatic and Recreation Center (ARC). Marcus concluded his comments by sharing an update on the 40th Anniversary City Hall Mural proposal.

Administrative Specialist IV/Recording Secretary Dennice Ocegüera thanked the Commission for attending the WeHo Pride Arts Festival.

Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann echoed thanks for attending the WeHo Pride Arts Festival. Rebecca also reminded the Commission that the Chair & Vice Chair elections will take place at the July meeting. Rebecca ended her comments by sharing information about artwork installations at the Gateway.

IX. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Commission authorized staff to develop the agenda for the meeting on Thursday, July 25, 2024.

X. ADJOURNMENT


The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned at 5:43 p.m. to its meeting scheduled for July 25, 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 25th DAY OF JULY 2024.

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COMMISSION CHAIR

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