

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 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 Dan Faltz
Commissioner Sigourney Gunther
Commissioner Catherine Lee
Commissioner Dawn Moreno-Freedman
Commission Vice Chair Lindsey Deaton
Commission Chair Mito Aviles

Absent: Commissioner Cameron Faber

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
Public Art Contractor Jessica Rich

D. Approval of the Agenda:

ACTION: Approval of the August 22, 2024 meeting agenda was **motioned by Vice Chair Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Faltz, and approved unanimously.**

E. Approval of the July 25, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

ACTION: Approval of the July 25, 2024 was **motioned by Vice Chair Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Faltz and approved unanimously noting an abstain vote from Commissioner Faber.**

F. Public Comment SARAH ROBINSON, West Hollywood, on behalf of Helix Collective, a WeHo Arts Grantee, the Commission was invited to attend "LEVEL UP!" Game Music, happening on September 7, 2024.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following routine matter was acted upon by one motion. Approval of the Consent Calendar was **motioned by Commissioner Faltz, 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: Received and filed. **Approved as part of the Consent Calendar.**

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair FY24-25

The Commission nominated a new Chair and Vice-Chair to preside over the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission (ACAC) in accordance with the ACAC Bylaws.

ACTION:

The Commission nominated Commissioner Moreno-Freedman as the new Chair and Commissioner Gunther as Vice-Chair of the Commission. **Motioned by Chair Aviles, 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 August 22, 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 discontinue the temporary art project, *A Poetry Generator for WeHo*, by Janet Zweig. **Motioned by Commissioner Faltz, seconded by Vice Chair Deaton and approved noting a No vote by Chair Aviles.**
- 3) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve artists Edward Cella, Brandon Vickerd, Constance Strickland (Theatre Roscius), Heimir Bjorgulfsson, Collin Stafford, Spenser Little, and Natalie Gonzalez' temporary art project proposals.
- 4) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to direct Staff to contact the artist Matthias Neumann regarding the possibility of displaying their project proposal in the Doheny/Santa Monica Blvd median and report their findings back to the Subcommittee.
- 5) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to decline artists LIZN'BOW (Liz Ferrer & Bow Ty), Katherine Nestved (Miss Art World), Dakota Noot, Fernie Saldivar, Giovanni Valderas, Jean Bradbury (Empowerment in Heels), Lena Chen & Caroline Yoo, Luis Coss, Danae Falliers, Sarah Fetterman, Kriss Knapp, Devon Miller (FWD), Eric Rosner, Erin Wray, Erin Adams,

Mohamed Ali, Ramzi Ammar, John Bannon, Tyshondra Barnes, Robert Barnum, Hagop Belian, Jessica Bell, Vojtech Blazejovsky, Anastasiia Bobyr, Todd Boss, Warren Brand, Kelley Brodin, Trevor Coopersmith, Adama-Nanguin Coulibaly, Gray Davidson, Sara Dehghan, Meghan DeRoma, Skeith DeWine, Jessica Elder, Sarah Fetterman, Karen Fishof, Santi Flores, Carla Forte, Daniela Garofalo, Tristan Gittens, Mei Gong, Louise Griffin, Elizabeth Healy, Tim Gratkowski, Laura Green, Michal Greenfield, Jason Harrington, Joha Harrison, David Hinnebusch, Ray Katz, Joeun Kim, Julia Kim, Julia Kirby, Zan Knecht, Dante Korda, Valda Lake, Marie LeMoigne, LightBear, Robert Lisek, Gera Lozano, Patrick Logan, Max Maddox, Anthony May, Jose Trejo Maya, Brian McCarthy, Michael McLaughlin, Gela Mikava, Jay Nassan, Daniel O'Malley, Jeremy Padilla, Dominic Panziera, Chloe Park, Lisa Rasmussen, Trinity Rivard, Saginaw Rozzo, Fernie Saldivar, Ricky Sencion, Ekaterina Sky, Adam Smith, Ilya Sobol, Vanessa Stafford, Erin Stone, Peter Tigler, Kati Toivanen, Tania Torres, Richard Tucci, Badri Valian, Richard Vivenzio, and Emily Wanswerski.

- 6) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation for Kriss Knapp to apply for the Muralist Roster.

Actions numbers 3 to 6 were approved in a single motion by Commissioner Faltz, seconded by Commissioner Gunther and approved unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS None.

V. EXCLUDED CONSENT None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT None.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Faltz expressed appreciation to Commissioner Deaton for her service on the Commission, congratulated Joy Tribble on another successful Summer Sounds series, and shared positive feedback on the Drag Story Hour event featuring Queen Angelina.

Commissioner Lee also thanked Commissioner Deaton for her time on the Commission, expressing that she will be greatly missed.

Commissioner Gunther thanked Commissioner Deaton for her positive energy and remarked that she will be greatly missed.

Commissioner Moreno-Freedman echoed the sentiments expressed about Commissioner Deaton and shared positive feedback on the Civic Leadership Academy workshops.

Vice Chair Deaton expressed her gratitude to the staff, fellow commissioners, and for the opportunity to serve on the Commission.

Chair Aviles offered heartfelt thanks to Commissioner Deaton for her service on the

Commission, expressing that she will be greatly missed.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Arts Specialist Joy Tribble thanked the Commission for their support of the Summer Sounds series and expressed gratitude to Commissioner Deaton for her service on the Commission. Joy concluded by inviting the Commission to the 2024 Free Theatre in the Parks, featuring Pacific Opera Project's performance of "Cinderella," set to take place in September at Kings Road Park.

Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff provided details about the 40th Anniversary Cultural History Grant and reminded the Commission that applications are due by August 29, 2024. She also announced that the WeHo Artist Roundtable will take place on September 14, 2024. Eva also shared information about upcoming grantee events: Helix Collective's "LEVEL UP!" Game Music and Pieter's Dust to Dust, both scheduled for September 7, 2024, and Brockus Project Dance Company's "Women in Concrete: Making Dance in LA" on September 14, 2024. Eva concluded her remarks by expressing her gratitude to Commissioner Deaton.

Public Art Administrator Marcus Mitchell invited the Commission to the Art in Odd Places Workshops with Ed Woodam, scheduled for September 24, 2024, at the Aquatic and Recreation Center and September 27, 2024, at Plummer Park. He also announced that Britt Westveer's City Hall mural will be deinstalled in September, with Timothy Smith's mural, celebrating the City's 40th anniversary of Cityhood, set to be installed in October. Marcus concluded by echoing the positive sentiments expressed about Commissioner Deaton, noting that her wisdom will be greatly missed.

Administrative Specialist IV/Recording Secretary Dennice Oceguela provided details about the public comment period for Metro's K Line North DEIR. She concluded by expressing her gratitude to Commissioner Deaton for her service on the Commission.

Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann introduced Arts Intern Lauren Huynh and shared some background about her. Rebecca also discussed Pickle's plans for her final year as the West Hollywood Drag Laureate, including a series of progressive workshops and the establishment of a non-profit organization for the Drag Community. Additionally, Rebecca announced several save-the-date events: Nancy Baker Cahill's exhibition will open on October 1, 2024, on Sunset Boulevard and run through February 28, 2025. In celebration of the exhibition, an artist reception will be held on October 4, 2024, and an Artists & Icons event will take place on October 16, 2024. Rebecca concluded by expressing her thanks to Commissioner Deaton for her service on the Commission.

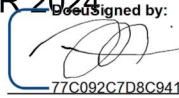
IX. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Commission authorized staff to develop the agenda for the meeting on Thursday, September 26, 2024.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned at 6:03 p.m. to its meeting scheduled for September 26, 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 26th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024.

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COMMISSION CHAIR

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