

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

Absent: Commissioner Cameron Faber
Commissioner Sigourney Gunther
Commissioner Dawn Moreno-Freedman

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

D. Approval of the Agenda:

ACTION: Approval of the July 25, 2024 meeting agenda, with New Business addressed before Unfinished Business was **motioned by Vice Chair Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Faltz, and approved unanimously.**

E. Approval of the June 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

ACTION: Approval of the June 27, 2024 was **motioned by Vice Chair Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Faltz 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 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. Moving Image Media Art Program – Update on Body Politic by Nancy Baker Cahill

The Commission received a presentation from artist Nancy Baker Cahill about the artwork *Body Politic* for the Moving Image Media Art Program exhibition from October 1, 2024 – January 31, 2025.

ACTION:

The Commission received the presentation, provided feedback and recommended for the exhibition to extend through February 28, 2025. **Motioned by Chair Aviles, seconded by Commissioner Faltz and approved unanimously.**

B. Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee Report

The Commission received a report from Commissioner Aviles on the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee for its meeting held July 11, 2024 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Received and filed the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee Report
- 2) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve BookSwell (Cody Sisco) as the producer for the 2025-26 WeHo Reads series. **Motioned by Vice Chair Deaton, seconded by Commissioner Faltz and approved unanimously.**

C. 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 July 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 recommend Timothy Smith to develop their proposal into a final design to be installed at City Hall in October 2024 and directed staff to present potential alternative locations for Moses Ball and Dante Marshall at the August meeting. **Motioned by**

Commissioner Faltz, seconded by Commissioner Lee and approved unanimously.

IV. NEW 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 recommended to table the item for the August meeting.

V. EXCLUDED CONSENT None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT None.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Faltz was saddened about Vice Chair Deaton's departure from the Commission. Commissioner Faltz also shared about his experience in the National Guild for Community Art Education Leadership Institute meeting. Commissioner Faltz asked about an update on Karon Davis' piece.

Vice Chair Deaton expressed her gratitude for her time in the Commission and shared that next month will be her last meeting.

Chair Aviles shared his excitement for the next Summer Sounds event. Chair Aviles also mentioned that he spoke to the City Clerk office for a potential Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission meeting in the City Council Chambers.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Arts Specialist Joy Tribble invited the Commission to the next Summer Sounds event taking place on July 28, 2024. She also shared that the 2024 Free Theatre in the Parks will take place in September at Kings Road Park.

Arts Coordinator Michael Che shared that the next Drag Story Hour event is August 10, 2024, featuring the winner of the City's 2024 Harvey Milk Day Jose Sarria Drag Pageant, Queen Angelina. He also thanked all the Commissioners who attended the WeHo Pride Arts Festival events. Finally, he shared that Pride Poets, an arts grantee that was launched as part of the City's 2019 LGBTQ Arts Festival, is celebrating its 5th birthday with a celebration at the LA LGBT Center on July 26, 2024.

Public Art Administrator Marcus shared that Sarah Foelske's *Everything and Everybody* was installed at City Hall's Community Plaza.

Administrative Specialist IV/Recording Secretary Dennice Ocegüera shared that the 40th Anniversary Cultural History Grant will open on July 1, 2024 and the deadline to apply is August 29, 2024.

Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann shared an update about the Laurel House Residency program. Rebecca also shared that a Route 66 signage redesign and a request to name the future theater at the city playhouse in honor of the city’s former arts manager Andrew Campbell will be discussed at the August 5, 2024 City Council meeting. Rebecca also shared that AEA Consulting was selected for the Los Angeles Olympics Community Engagement project. Rebecca ended her comments by sharing an art meets sport project she came across called *Disco Foot*.

IX. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Commission authorized staff to develop the agenda for the meeting on Thursday, August 22, 2024.

X. ADJOURNMENT

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned at 6:13 p.m. to its meeting scheduled for August 22, 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 22nd DAY OF AUGUST 2024.

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