

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2024 – 5:00 P.M.  
WEST HOLLYWOOD PLUMMER PARK COMMUNITY CENTER, ROOMS 5 & 6  
7377 SANTA MONICA BLVD.**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission meeting was called to order by Commission Chair Moreno-Freedman at 5:00 p.m.

**A. Land Acknowledgement:** Chair Moreno-Freedman read the Land Acknowledgement.

**B. Pledge of Allegiance:** Chair Moreno-Freedman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**C. Roll Call:**

Present: Commissioner Mito Aviles  
Commissioner Cameron Faber  
Commissioner Martin Gantman  
Commission Vice Chair Sigourney Gunther  
Commission Chair Dawn Moreno-Freedman

Absent: Commissioner Dan Faltz  
Commissioner Catherine Lee

Also Present: Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann  
Administrative Specialist IV/Recording Secretary Dennice Ocegüera  
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 November 14, 2024 meeting agenda was motioned by Commissioner Faber, Commissioner Aviles, and approved unanimously.

**E. Approval of the October 24, 2024 Meeting Minutes:**

**ACTION:** Approval of the October 24, 2024 was motioned by Commissioner Aviles, seconded by 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 Vice Chair Gunther, seconded by Commissioner Faber 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 Gantman on the Urban Art Subcommittee for its meeting held November 7, 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 following eight Semi-Finalist artists Melissa Arendt, Kimberly Brown, Dominique Johnson, Allison Kunath, Josh McKenna, Daisuke Okamoto, Michael Che Romero, and Erin Miller Wray for consideration to create a new urban artwork for the city-owned Holloway Interim Housing project. **Motioned by Commissioner Aviles, seconded by Commissioner Faber, and approved unanimously.**
- 3) Approved Commissioner Gantman's request for staff to create a 1-sheet document to help developers easily understand the Urban Art Guidelines for incorporating permanent artworks into their developments. **Motioned by Commissioner Aviles, seconded by Vice Chair Gunther, and approved unanimously.**

**B. Art on the Outside Subcommittee Report**

The Art on the Outside Subcommittee did not convene at their regular meeting on November 14, 2024 due to lack of quorum, so all items were presented during the Commission meeting.

**ACTIONS:**

- 1) Approved the applications received from Ali Bilal, Brian Bress, Jenna Caravello, Andrea Ciulu, Sara Cwynar, Joshua Ashish Dawson, Dusty Deen, Meesha Goldberg, Gabrielle Jennings, Anna Karlsson, Venera Kazarova, MayaKell-Abrams, Ibuki Kuramochi, Erika Maish, Jenni Morello, Marco Perego, Noah Persha, Meghan Sabik, Tavares Strachan, Constance Strickland, Kira Xonorika, Jay Ezra Nayssan, and Randi Willens for the Moving Image Media Art Program Prequalified List.
- 2) Approved to decline the applications received from Megan Mulrooney (on behalf of Drake Carr) and for Jose Trejo Maya for the Moving Image Media Art Program Prequalified List.

**Actions numbers 1 & 2 were approved in a single motion by Commissioner Aviles, seconded by Commissioner Faber and approved unanimously.**

- 3) Approved the artwork *The Unspoken* by Leah Smithson for exhibition on the billboard at 8743 Sunset Blvd (Invisible Frame) from June 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025.
- 4) Approved the artwork *Holding the Atmosphere* by BD White for exhibition on the billboard at 8775 Sunset Blvd (Spectacular) from June 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025.
- 5) Approved an adaptation of the artwork, *Metamimics, 2023*, by artist Sara Ludy for exhibition on the billboard at 9157 Sunset Blvd (Streamlined Arbor) from June 1, 2025 - September 30, 2025, and requested for the adapted artwork to return to the Art on the Outside Subcommittee for approval, prior to exhibition.
- 6) Approved the site-specific artwork, *New Drop* by Brian Bress as the debut MIMA exhibition on the billboard at 8497 Sunset Blvd (The Now), and requested for the adapted artwork to return to the Art on the Outside Subcommittee for approval, prior to exhibition.

**Actions numbers 3 to 6 were approved in a single motion by Commissioner Aviles, seconded by Commissioner Faber and approved unanimously.**

#### **IV. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. Presenting 2024 WeHo Artists**

The Commission received a presentation from staff and the 2024 WeHo Artists: Caroline E. Nagy, Christopher Youmans, Kat Evasco, Peter Fitzgerald, Yvann Filipczak, and Zach Oren.

##### **ACTION:**

The Commission received the presentation from staff and WeHo Artists.

##### **B. Cancellation of Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission and Subcommittee Meetings scheduled for December 2024**

The Commission considered cancelling the Commission and all Subcommittee meetings for the month of December due to lack of agenda items.

##### **ACTION:**

The Commission approved the cancellation of the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee meeting on December 5, 2024, the Urban Art Subcommittee meeting on December 12, 2024, the Art on the Outside Subcommittee meeting on December 19, 2024, and the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission meeting on December 19, 2024. **Motioned by Commissioner Aviles, seconded by Commissioner Faber and approved unanimously.**

V. **EXCLUDED CONSENT** None.

VI. **PUBLIC COMMENT** QUEEN ANGELINA, Hollywood, expressed her gratitude to the Commission for granting her Transgender, Gender Diverse, Intersex + Arts Grant.

CHRISTOPHER YOUMANS, West Hollywood, expressed his appreciation to the Commission for awarding him the WeHo Artist Grant.

VII. **ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Aviles expressed gratitude to staff for their hard work throughout the year and extended congratulations to all grant recipients.

Commissioner Faber echoed Commissioner Aviles' comments.

Commissioner Gantman wished everyone Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year and congratulated all grant recipients.

Commissioner Moreno-Freedman suggested that staff organize an Artist Roundtable focused on strategies for artists to monetize their work. Commissioner Moreno-Freedman concluded her comments by inquiring whether the Drag/Poet Laureate could be provided with a technical advisor to assist with public speaking engagements.

VIII. **ITEMS FROM THE STAFF**

Public Art Contractor Jessica Rich wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and expressed that City of West Hollywood is the only city in the world that provides digital art every hour on the hour for 10.5 minutes on billboards.

Arts Specialist Joy Tribble congratulated all the grantee recipients. Joy invited the commission to the next HRSS event: *Challenges for LGBTQ+ People in and from the Former Soviet* taking place on November 25, 2024 at the City Council Chambers. She concluded her comments by inviting the commission to the Winter Sounds, free outdoor concert, in celebration of 40 Years of Cityhood featuring the Corbin Jones Big Band's 'Holiday Extravaganza', taking place on December 15, 2024 at the Piazza at Pendry West Hollywood.

Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff extended her congratulations to all grantee recipients and reminded the Commission that the application deadline for the WeHo Artist Bootcamp is December 6, 2024. She concluded her remarks by announcing that grantee recipient *War Toys* will host the *Boardgame Giveaway – Play & Learn About War as a Humanitarian Hero!* on December 4, 2024, at the West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room.

Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann reminding the Commissioners that several Art items are scheduled for approval at the City Council meeting on November 18, 2024. Rebecca announced that community outreach for the 2028 Olympics and Paralympic Games Art Project is now underway. Upcoming in-person engagement opportunities include the Helen Albert Certified Farmers' Market at Plummer Park on November 18, 2024; the WeHo Day event at the Pacific Design Center (Green Building, Silver Screen) on November 21, 2024; and Winter Wonderland at West Hollywood Park on January 25,

2025. Additionally, an online outreach platform is available at [www.engage.weho.org/olympicsart](http://www.engage.weho.org/olympicsart).

**IX. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

The Commission authorized staff to develop the agenda for the meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2025.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned at 6:28 p.m. to its meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 23, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. to be held at the West Hollywood City Hall Community Meeting Room located at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION ON THIS 23<sup>rd</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2025.

  
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DAWN MORENO-FREEDMAN  
COMMISSION CHAIR

ATTEST:

  
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DENNICE OCEGUERA,  
RECORDING SECRETARY