

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2025 – 5:00 P.M.  
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY HALL, FIRST FLOOR COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM,  
8300 SANTA MONICA BLVD.**

**I. Special Order of Business:** Councilmember Hang administered oath of office to new Arts & Cultural Affairs Commissioner Heather Allyn

**II. Councilmember Hang presented the Commission with a Proclamation to celebrate Arts Month.**

**III. CALL TO ORDER**

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

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

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

**C. Roll Call:**

Present: Commissioner Heather Allyn  
Commissioner Mito Aviles  
Commissioner Cameron Faber  
Commissioner Dan Faltz  
Commissioner Martin Gantman  
Commissioner Catherine Lee  
Commission Vice Chair Sigourney Gunther

Absent: Commission Chair Dawn Moreno-Freedman

Also Present: Director of Economic Development Laura Biery  
Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann  
Administrative Specialist IV/Recording Secretary Dennice Ocegüera  
Public Art Administrator Marcus Mitchell  
Arts Coordinator Michael Che  
Arts Specialist Joy Tribble

**D. Approval of the Agenda:**

**ACTION:** Approval of the April 24, 2025 agenda was **motioned by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Faltz, and approved unanimously.**

**E. Approval of the March 27, 2025 Meeting Minutes:**

**ACTION:** Approval of the March 27, 2025 minutes with the addition of Commissioner Aviles' comments on Item 4A was **motioned by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Aviles 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 Faltz, seconded by Commissioner Aviles and approved unanimously.**

**A. Posting of the Agenda**

The agenda was posted with 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. Cultural Conditions and Implementation Plan for the West Hollywood Art Project for the 2028 Olympic (Los Angeles) and Paralympic Games.**

The Commission received a presentation from AEA Consulting and considered recommending approval of the Cultural Conditions and Implementation Plan for the West Hollywood Art Project for the 2028 Olympic (Los Angeles) and Paralympic Games to the City Council.

**ACTIONS:**

- 1) Recommended City Council to approve the proposed criteria for the Art Project. **Motioned by Commissioner Faltz, seconded by Vice Chair Gunther, and approved unanimously.**
- 2) Recommended City Council approve up to five (5) Art Activations to be presented in 2026 and 2027. **Motioned by Vice Chair Gunther, seconded by Commissioner Faltz, and approved noting an abstain vote by Commissioner Gantman.**
- 3) Recommended City Council to approve the art opportunities for three (3) projects with lasting impact at the Aquatic and Recreation Center, including a new exterior mural on the west façade, permanent artwork installation on the 5<sup>th</sup> floor, and a rotating temporary art exhibition inside the building. **Motioned by Vice Chair Gunther, seconded by Commissioner Lee, and approved unanimously.**
- 4) Recommended City Council to approve the Cultural Conditions Report and Implementation Plan for the West Hollywood Art Project (Art Project) for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. **Motioned by Commissioner Faltz, seconded by Commissioner Aviles, and approved unanimously.**

**B. Urban Art Subcommittee**

The Commission received a report from Commissioner Gantman on the Urban Art Subcommittee for its meeting held April 17, 2025 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

**ACTIONS:**

- 1) Received and filed the Urban Art Subcommittee Report.
- 2) Approved the following three (3) Finalists Tristan Eaton, David Kim, and Dante Marshall to create concept proposals for the city owned West Hollywood Recovery Center (WHRC Log Cabin) project. **Motioned by Commissioner Aviles, 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 April 24, 2025 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

**ACTIONS:**

- 1) Received and filed the Art on the Outside Subcommittee Report.
- 2) Approved Violet Danesh artist's proposal for the 9x9 Mural Opportunity (West Hollywood Park's 5-Story Parking Structure) with the amended feedback and Abby Aceves as an alternate. **Motioned by Commissioner Aviles, seconded by Commissioner Faltz, and approved unanimously.**
- 3) The Commission directed the Moving Image Media Art Program Prequalified Art Consultant List back to the Art on the Outside Subcommittee for further review, with direction for staff. **Motioned by Commissioner Aviles, seconded by Vice Chair Gunther, and approved unanimously**

**IV. NEW BUSINESS** None.

**V. EXCLUDED CONSENT** None.

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT** None.

**VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Allyn expressed her gratitude and excitement to serve on the Commission.

Commissioner Aviles inquired about the direct selection of artist Sküt by the City Council for the Route 66 artist-designed signs. Commissioner Aviles also requested that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Selena and Prince.

Commissioner Faltz congratulated Commissioner Allyn on her appointment to the Commission.

Commissioner Gantman requested more opportunities for the Commission to provide input on the West Hollywood Art Project for the 2028 Olympics (Los Angeles).

Commissioner Lee requested to receive the decisions of the Urban Art Subcommittee prior to Commission meetings.

Vice Chair Gunther also congratulated Commissioner Allyn on her appointment to the Commission.

**VIII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF**

Arts Coordinator Mike Che shared the successes of several recent National Poetry Month events. He also invited Commissioners to save the date for the Harvey Milk Day event on May 22 at West Hollywood Park and the WeHo Pride Arts Festival, scheduled for May 23–25. He also shared information on a new promotional ‘pin collection’ card the Arts Division will use to help build attendance at in-person events.

Arts Specialist Joy Tribble announced the upcoming Summer Sounds Acoustic event on May 17 at Kings Road Park, featuring performances by Haley Fishberger, Rob Milton, and Zeinapur. She also shared that the Request for Proposals (RFP) deadline for Free Theatre in the Parks is on April 25.

Administrative Specialist IV/Recording Secretary Dennice Ocegüera congratulated Commissioner Faltz and Vice Chair Gunther on their reappointments and welcomed Commissioner Allyn to the Commission.

Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann also congratulated Commissioner Faltz and Vice Chair Gunther on their reappointments and welcomed Commissioner Allyn to the Commission. In response to Commissioner Aviles' inquiry regarding the direct selection of the artist for the Route 66 artist-designed signs, staff will share the City Council staff report where the selected artist is referenced.

Director of Economic Development Laura Biery also congratulated Commissioner Faltz and Vice Chair Gunther on their reappointments and welcomed Commissioner Allyn to the Commission. She provided an update that the Priority Setting Session will be held during the May 5 City Council meeting. Additionally, she shared that at the April 21 City Council meeting, a directive was approved regarding Arts Programming for Jewish Heritage Month in May 2026. This item will be presented to ACAC at an upcoming meeting.

**IX. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

The Commission authorized staff to develop the agenda for the meeting on Thursday, May 29, 2025.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned in memory of Selena and Prince at 6:54 p.m. to its meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 29, 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 29<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 2025.

Signed by:  
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COMMISSION VICE CHAIR

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