

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025 – 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 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 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: Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann
 Administrative Specialist IV/Recording Secretary Dennice Oceguela
 Public Art Administrator Marcus Mitchell
 Arts Coordinator Michael Che
 Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff
 Public Art Contractor Jessica Rich

D. Approval of the Agenda:

ACTION: Approval of the February 27, 2025 meeting agenda with item 3C received before item 3B and items 3D and 4A tabled was **motioned by Commissioner Lee, Commissioner Faber, and approved unanimously.**

E. Approval of the January 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes:

ACTION: Approval of the January 23, 2025 was **motioned by Commissioner Aviles, seconded by Commissioner Faltz**

F. Public Comment QUEEN ANGELINA, Hollywood, grantee of WeHo Arts Grant Program, invited the Commission to *Mariachi Fiesta!: A celebration featuring Latinx LGBTQIA+ Talent* taking place on March 13, 2025.

II. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following routine matter was acted upon by one motion. Approval of the Consent Calendar was **motioned by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Faltz 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. Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee

The Commission received a report from Commissioner Gunther on the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee for its meeting held February 13, 2025 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Received and filed the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee Report.
- 2) Received and filed the 2024 Annual Grant Program Report. **Motioned by Commissioner Aviles, seconded by Commissioner Faltz, and approved unanimously.**
- 3) Approved the 2026 Arts Grant Program grant guidelines for the following five categories: 1) Arts Project; 2) Community Arts; 3) Transgender, Gender Diverse, Intersex Art (TGI+); and 4) WeHo Artist Grants; 5) Filmmakers Grant.
- 4) Approved the 2026 Arts Grant Program Filmmakers grant guidelines with year one as a finishing grant and year two and three as a distribution grant.

Actions numbers 3 to 4 were approved in a single motion by Commissioner Faltz, seconded by Commissioner Faber and approved unanimously.

B. Urban Art Subcommittee Report

The Commission received a report from Commissioner Gantman on the Urban Art Subcommittee for its meeting held February 20, 2025 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 artists Moses Ball, Jean Bradbury, Tristan Eaton, Renee Fox, David Kim, Anthony Woods, Dante Marshall, and Michael Massenberg as semi-finalists for the city-owned West Hollywood Recovery Center (WHRC) Log Cabin. **Motioned by**

Commissioner Faltz, seconded by Commissioner Aviles, 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 January 23, 2025 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Received and filed the Art on the Outside Subcommittee Report.
- 2) Approved the final artwork, *Metamimics on Sunset*, by Sara Ludy for exhibition at 9157 Sunset Boulevard (Streamlined Arbor) from June 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025. **Motioned by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Aviles, and approved unanimously.**

Approved the following artwork exhibitions:

- 3) *Scroll 1* and *Scroll 2*, and *Me and Christina II* from Sarah Cwynar for exhibition at 8730 Sunset Boulevard (The Whorl) from June 1, 2025 – September 30, 2025.
- 4) *Lost Mind* by Sara Silkin for exhibition on the billboard at 8743 Sunset Boulevard (Invisible Frame) from October 1, 2025 – January 31, 2025.
- 5) *Morph* by Nina McNeely for exhibition on the billboard at 8775 Sunset Boulevard (Sunset Spectacular) from October 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026.
- 6) *Natural Factors* (Version A or Version B) by Noper for exhibition at 9157 Sunset Boulevard (Streamlined Arbor) from October 1, 2025 – January 31, 2026.

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

- 7) Approved the application from Michael Massenburg submitted for the WeHo Muralist Roster. **Motioned by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Aviles, and approved unanimously.**

D. Commissioner Outreach to the Public

The Commission continues a discussion on methods of how Commissioners can share information about arts and culture programming with the community.

ACTION:

Discussed and provided feedback as necessary.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recording and Publishing Commission Meetings on City's Website

The City Clerk will discuss recording and publishing Commission meetings on the City's website as well as an overview of the Brown Act and Rosenberg's Rules of Order.

ACTION:

The item was tabled for a future meeting.

B. Library Cultural Programming Committee Report

The Commission received a report from Commissioner Faltz on the Library Cultural Programming Committee on its meeting held January 29, 2025, and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Committee.

ACTIONS:

- 1) The Commission approved the proposals by S.P. Harper, Vojislav Radovanović, and Dustin Gimbel. **Motioned by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Faber and approved unanimously.**

- 2) The Commission approved the denial of the exhibition City of Immortals on the Criteria of Exhibition Location and Site-Specificity. **Motioned by Vice Chair Gunther, seconded by Commissioner Lee and approved noting a no vote from Commissioner Aviles and Commissioner Faber.**

V. EXCLUDED CONSENT None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT RYAN KIERNAN, La Verne, grantee of the WeHo Arts Grant Program, invited the Commission to *Ryan Kiernan presents "Aberrant: Four Movements for Chamber Orchestra"* taking place on March 28, 2025.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Aviles, Commissioner Faber, Commissioner Faltz and Commissioner Gantman all congratulated Arts Specialist Joy Tribble on the success of the 2025 Winter Sounds Concert Series.

Commissioner Lee shared her excitement about attending Drag Story Hour on February 8 featuring Miss Barbie-Q.

Commissioner Aviles inquired with staff about why grantee events are not featured on the Arts Division's social media account.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Arts Coordinator Mike Che shared that the February 26 WeHo Reads event was successful with over 50 people joining for the live online event. The next event WeHo Reads: Feminism and Fearlessness is on March 19. Mike shared that City Poet Laureate Jen Cheng will be leading a writing workshop on March 8 in honor of Women's History Month and another on April 19 for National Poetry Month. There will also be the reading of a new poem by Jen Cheng and a National Poetry Month proclamation at the April 7 City Council meeting, Poetry Month street pole banners all month, and an April 16 WeHo Reads event with former Poet Laureates Richard Blanco and Kim Dower. Mike shared that Queen Angelina will be the reader at the April 5 Drag Story Hour at the West

Hollywood Library. He shared that the application for drag participants for the 3rd annual Harvey Milk Day José Julio Sarria Drag Pageant are open until March 1. He concluded his remarks by introducing new Arts Intern Yina Ruan.

Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff thanked the Commission for the meeting and provided a recap of the next steps for the arts grant program, highlighting the upcoming presentation of the 2026 Arts Grant Program Guidelines to City Council next month.

Public Art Administrator Marcus Mitchell announced that artist Heimir Bjorgulfsson’s temporary art project will be installed at Plummer Park on Saturday, March 1, 2025.

Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann shared that this week, Patrisse Cullors was featured in *Forbes* magazine, which included a mention of the MIMA exhibition *Black Woman Rest*, showcased on the billboard at 9157 Sunset Boulevard. Rebecca concluded her comments by sharing with the Commission that on Friday, February 27th, the Crenshaw Dairy Mart will host a free curated walkthrough of the MIMA exhibitions, offering an engaging opportunity to explore the artwork firsthand.

IX. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Commission authorized staff to develop the agenda for the meeting on Thursday, March 27, 2025.

X. ADJOURNMENT


The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned in memory of Paquita La Del Barrio, Roberta Flack, Michelle Trachtenburg, and Gene Hackman at 6:16 p.m. to its meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 27, 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 27th DAY OF MARCH 2025.

Signed by:

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COMMISSION VICE CHAIR

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