

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 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 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 Dan Faltz
Commissioner Martin Gantman
Commissioner Catherine Lee
Commission Vice Chair Sigourney Gunther
Commission Chair Dawn Moreno-Freedman

Absent: None.

Also Present: Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann
Administrative Specialist IV/Recording Secretary Dennice Ocegüera
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 January 23, 2025 meeting agenda was motioned by Commissioner Aviles, Commissioner Faltz, and approved unanimously.

E. Approval of the November 14, 2024 Meeting Minutes:

ACTION: Approval of the November 14, 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 Commissioner Faltz, seconded by Commissioner Faber 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. Drag Laureate Program update

The Commission received a presentation from Pickle, Drag Laureate for the City of West Hollywood with an update about the Drag Laureate Program.

ACTION:

Received the presentation.

B. Urban Art Subcommittee Report

The Commission received a report from Commissioner Gantman on the Urban Art Subcommittee for its meeting held January 16, 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 Allison Kunath, Daisuke Okamoto, and Dominique Johnson as finalists to submit concept proposals for the city-owned Holloway Interim Housing 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 January 23, 2025 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve the Final Art Plan for the West Hollywood Aquatic and Recreation Center (ARC) at West Hollywood Park. **Motioned by Commissioner Lee, seconded by Commissioner Aviles, and approved unanimously.**
- 2) Approved the modified schedule for the artwork *Body Politic* by Nancy Baker Cahill for exhibition on 8743 Sunset Boulevard, 8775 Sunset Boulevard, and 9157 Sunset Boulevard from October 1, 2024 – January 31, 2025.
- 3) Approved the modified schedule for the artwork *Cheshmeh, 2024*, by alexandre ali reza dorriz for exhibition on the billboard at 8743 Sunset Boulevard (Invisible Frame) from February 1 – May 31, 2025.

- 4) Approved the modified schedule for the artwork *Una Pagina Mas, 2024* by noé olivas for exhibition on the billboard at 8775 Sunset Boulevard (Sunset Spectacular) from February 1 – May 31, 2025.
- 5) Approved the modified schedule for the artwork *Black Woman Rest* by Patrisse Cullors for exhibition on the billboard at 9157 Sunset Boulevard (Streamlined Arbor) from February 1 – May 31, 2025.

Actions numbers 2 to 5 were approved in a single motion by Commissioner Aviles, seconded by Commissioner Faber and approved unanimously.

- 6) Approved the Commercial Business Mural application for the artwork *Land of My Dreams* by Patrick Church at 802 N. San Vicente Boulevard (Green Qween West Hollywood).
- 7) Approved the WeHo Muralist Roster application for Patrick Church for the project *Land of My Dreams* at 802 N. San Vicente Boulevard but denied inclusion for the West Hollywood Muralist Roster.

Actions numbers 6 to 7 were approved in a single motion by Commissioner Gantman, seconded by Commissioner Faber and approved unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Commissioner Outreach to the Public

The Commission discussed methods of how Commissioners can share information about arts and culture programming with the community.

ACTION:

The item was continued for discussion at a future meeting.

B. Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission and Art on the Outside Subcommittee Re-Scheduling in May 2025

The Commission considered moving the Art on the Outside Subcommittee and Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission meetings scheduled for May 22, 2025, to instead occur on May 29, 2025, to accommodate the city holiday Harvey Milk Day and scheduled arts programming.

ACTION:

The Commission approved the rescheduling of the Art on the Outside Subcommittee (3:30pm) and Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission (5:00pm) meetings to May 29, 2025. **Motioned by Commissioner Aviles, seconded by Commissioner Lee and approved unanimously.**

V. EXCLUDED CONSENT None.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT MARIANA MARROQUIN, West Hollywood, shared that she will be attending the ACAC meetings as a representative of the Transgender Advisory Board. She also took a moment to share a bit about her artistic and professional background.

VII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Lee shared her joy in returning and expressed pride in our City's dedication to its core values. She also expressed disappointment that the Body Politics exhibition will end earlier than expected.

Commissioner Faltz expressed his appreciation for the hard work of the Arts Division staff and shared how grateful he is for the Arts budget, which allows us to facilitate such wonderful programming.

Commissioner Aviles encouraged a proactive approach in identifying opportunities for the Drag Laureate to share their experience as the nation's second Drag Laureate. He also shared the overwhelmingly positive feedback from the community about *Learn to Sew! Free Workshop Series for Drag Artists*. He concluded his comments by asking staff for an update on Karon Davis' *Before Picasso* artwork.

Commissioner Faber thanked the staff and commissioners for a great meeting and concluded by emphasizing the vital role of art in society, especially during challenging times.

Commissioner Moreno-Freedman asked staff for an update on Laurel House and the City Playhouse.

VIII. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff thanked the Commission for attending grantee recipient Caroline Nagy's *Melomaniacs: The Improvised Journeys of Independent Musicians*. In response to Commissioner Moreno-Freedman, Eva provided updates on the City Playhouse.

Arts Coordinator Mike Che announced the dates for 2025 season of Drag Story Hour at the West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room. He also shared that WeHo Reads is returning with an online event celebrating Black History Month on February 26, 2025. Concluding his remarks, he noted that the application for drag participants for the 3rd annual Harvey Milk Day José Julio Sarria Drag Pageant are open until March 1, 2025, and the link will be available in the February Arts Newsletter and Arts website.

Public Art Administrator Marcus Mitchell shared that on February 15, 2025, at the West Hollywood Library Community Meeting Room, Art in Odd Places (AiOP) founder Ed Woodham and Los Angeles curator, educator, and artist Deborah Oliver will lead an information session on how to participate in the upcoming AiOP festival in West Hollywood in July 2025.

Administrative Specialist IV/Recording Secretary Dennice Ocegüera invited the Commission to join us for Winter Sounds on Saturday, January 25 at 7 PM, featuring MAE.SUN and Gengis Don & The Empire. She concluded her comments by encouraging

commissioners to share that WeHo Sounds is accepting Musician and Performers applications through February 28, 2025 at weho.org/wehosounds.

Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann reminded the Commissioners of the scheduled community outreach for the West Hollywood Art Project for the 2028 Olympics and Paralympic Games; the upcoming in-person engagement opportunities include the West Hollywood Community Meeting Room on January 24, 2025 and West Hollywood Park (at the Winter Wonderland) on January 25, 2025. An online engagement session will take place on January 28, 2025. Additionally, everyone is invited to fill out the survey on engage.weho.org/olympicsart.

IX. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Commission authorized staff to develop the agenda for the meeting on Thursday, February 20, 2025.

X. ADJOURNMENT

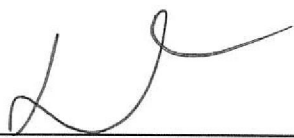
The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned in memory of David Lynch at 6:36 p.m. to its meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. to be held at the West Hollywood City Hall Community Meeting Room located at 8300 Santa Monica Boulevard.

APPROVED BY A MOTION OF THE ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
ON THIS 27th DAY OF FEBRUARY 2025.



DAWN MORENO-FREEDMAN
COMMISSION CHAIR

ATTEST:



DENNICE OCEGUERA,
RECORDING SECRETARY