

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD  
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 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 Chair Gunther at 5:04 p.m.

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

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

**C. Roll Call:**

Present: Commission Chair Sigourney Gunther  
Commission Vice Chair Catherine Lee  
Commissioner Mito Aviles  
Commissioner Dan Faltz  
Commissioner Dawn Moreno-Freedman

\*Noting that Commissioner Moreno-Freedman arrived late at 5:27pm.  
Commissioner Gunther left early at 5:50pm.

Absent: Commissioner Martin Gantman  
Commissioner Heather Allyn

Also Present: Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann  
Arts Specialist/Acting Recording Secretary Joy Tribble  
Public Art Administrator Marcus Mitchell  
Arts Coordinator Michael Che  
Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff

**D. Approval of the Agenda:**

**ACTION:** Approval of the November 20, 2025 agenda with item 4B moved before 4A was **motioned by Gunther, seconded by Faltz, and approved unanimously.**

**E. Approval of the October 23, 2025 Meeting Minutes:**

**ACTION:** Approval of the October 23, 2025 was **motioned by Faltz, seconded by Gunther and approved unanimously.**

**F. Public Comment**

JOE GREEN, West Hollywood, shared their experience attending the Arts Grantee Orientation, highlighted their participation in SEEFEST, and expressed enthusiasm about being selected as a 2026 arts grantee.

## II. ARTS MANAGER'S UPDATE

Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann provided several updates. She thanked those who attended the grand opening of the AIDS Monument, which is now part of the City's Urban Art Collection. She shared highlights from the LGBTQ+ Arts and Culture Coalition meeting on October 28 and provided information on how individuals can join. Rebecca also outlined upcoming opportunities, including the RFP for the 2026 Jewish American Heritage Month Arts Producer, with a deadline of December 15, and the RFP for Free Theatre in the Parks 2026, with a deadline of February 2. Looking ahead to December 2025 and January 2026, she noted items on the agenda regarding the potential cancellation of all December meetings, cancellation of the January 2026 Urban Art Subcommittee meeting due to the holiday, and approval of regular meeting dates for 2026. Additionally, she shared details about the West Hollywood Day event on Monday, November 24 at 6 p.m., and the Mazer Lesbian Archives open house on Sunday, November 23 from 2–4 p.m.

## III. CONSENT CALENDAR

The following routine matter was acted upon by one motion. Approval of the Consent Calendar was **motioned by Gunther, seconded by 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.**

## IV. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### A. Art on the Outside Subcommittee Report

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission received a report from Vice Chair Lee on the Art on the Outside Subcommittee for its meeting held November 6, 2025 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

#### **ACTIONS:**

- 1) Receive and file the Art on the Outside Current, Upcoming, and Potential Project Calendar. **Motioned by Faltz, seconded by Aviles and approved unanimously.**
  
- 2) The Commission approved the artist applications received from Natasha Bajc, Katherine Balsley, Stephanie Barber, Lauren Bon, Paul Druecke, Jennifer Gunlock, Andrew Knives, Mathilda LaZelle Moore, Carlos Luna James, A. Bill Miller, Kate Parsons, Diana Fonseca Quinones, Fasiha Rauf, Marval Rechsteiner, Matthew Savitsky, April Hava Shenkman, Matt Sherridan, Vincent Viriot, and curator applications received from H+ Creative (Hannah Stouffer), Performance Art Museum (Samuel Vasquez), and Jennifer Rappaport for the Moving Image Media Art Program Prequalified List. **Motioned by Faltz, seconded by Gunther and approved unanimously.**

- 3) The Commission declined the applications received from Alex Anderson, Caleb Dobbs, Rachel Finkelstein, Mr. Deonta Head, Jose Trejo Maya, and Richard Tucci for the Moving Image Media Art Program Prequalified List. **Motioned by Faltz, seconded by Gunther and approved unanimously.**
- 4) The Commission approved the artwork *Searching for Happiness* by Elizabeth Withstandley at 9015 Sunset (Rainbow/Roxy) for exhibition from November 20 – January 31, 2026. **Motioned by Gunther, seconded by Faltz and approved unanimously.**
- 5) The Commission approved the artworks *Hexagon Garden (West Hollywood)* by Alexandre Arrechea at 8497 Sunset Boulevard (The NOW), *IF NOT NOW – Artifact I* by Kordae Henry at 8501 Sunset Boulevard (SunCienega), *Scroll 2* by Sarah Cwynar at 8730 Sunset (The Whorl), *Planting Daisies* by Da'Shaunae Marisa at 8743 Sunset (Invisible Frame), *The True Story of Edges: Sunset Boulevard* by Jessica Wimbley at 8775 Sunset (Sunset Spectacular), *Pix3IFace Public Access* by Pix3IFace at 9015 Sunset (Rainbow/Roxy), *Littered Mvmnts* by Shoji Yamasaki 9157 Sunset (Streamlined Arbor) for exhibition from February 1 – May 30, 2026. **Motioned by Faltz, seconded by Gunther and approved unanimously.**
- 6) The Commission approved the Subcommittee's request for the final versions of *Artworks Hexagon Garden (West Hollywood)* by Alexandre Arrechea at 8497 Sunset Boulevard (The NOW) and *The True Story of Edges: Sunset Boulevard* by Jessica Wimbley at 8775 Sunset Boulevard (Sunset Spectacular) to return to the Subcommittee for review and approval prior to exhibition. **Motioned by Faltz, seconded by Gunther and approved unanimously.**
- 7) The Commission approved the artworks *DogStar: A Song of Liberation* by Yozmit at 8497 Sunset Boulevard (The NOW), *Motor Motor Blue (Recline)* by Greg Jenkins at 8743 Sunset (Invisible Frame), *Endless Journey* by Luciana Abait at 8775 Sunset (Sunset Spectacular), *Power Trip* by Katya Ivanova at 9015 Sunset (Rainbow/Roxy), for exhibition from June 1 – September 30, 2026. **Motioned by Faltz, seconded by Gunther and approved unanimously.**
- 8) The Commission approved the Subcommittee's request for the final version of the artworks *DogStar: A Song of Liberation* by Yozmit at 8497 Sunset Boulevard (The NOW), *Motor Motor Blue (Recline)* by Greg Jenkins at 8743 Sunset (Invisible Frame), *Endless Journey* by Luciana Abait at 8775 Sunset (Sunset Spectacular), *Power Trip* by Katya Ivanova at 9015 Sunset (Rainbow/Roxy) to return to the Subcommittee for approval prior to exhibition. **Motioned by Faltz, seconded by Gunther and approved unanimously.**
- 9) The Commission approved the updates to the Moving Image Media Art Program Guidelines and Process document. **Motioned by Gunther, seconded by Aviles and approved unanimously.**

- 10) The Commission approved selection process and locations for three temporary public art exhibitions along Santa Monica Boulevard to commemorate the Centennial anniversary of Route 66 in 2026 and proceed with issuing a request for proposals. **Motioned by Aviles, seconded by Faltz and approved unanimously.**

#### **B. Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee Report**

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission received a report from the Subcommittee on the Performing Arts and Cultural Affairs Subcommittee for its meeting held November 6, 2025 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

#### **ACTIONS:**

- 1) The Commission approved Emily Wanserski to support the design, development, and management of the Artists Roundtable. **Motioned by Faltz, seconded by Lee and approved unanimously.**
- 2) The Commission approved JazzAntiqua for the 2026 Black History Month Arts Programming initiative and referred Stéphen “Swizz” Banks proposal to the Art on the Outside Subcommittee. **Motioned by Aviles, seconded by Faltz and approved unanimously.**

### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

#### **A. Approval of the Dates for the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission Meeting Schedule for December 2025 and Calendar Year 2026**

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission considered the cancellation of all Subcommittee and Commission meetings in December 2025 and the approval of the Regular Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2026.

#### **ACTIONS:**

- 1) The Commission approved the cancellation of all Subcommittee and Commission meetings in December 2025. **Motioned by Aviles, seconded by Gunther and approved unanimously.**
- 2) The Commission approved the Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission Regular Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2026. **Motioned by Aviles, seconded by Gunther and approved unanimously.**
- 3) The Commission rescheduled all Subcommittee and Commission meetings in the months of November and December 2026. **Motioned by Aviles, seconded by Gunther and approved unanimously.**

The Commission cancelled the Urban Art Subcommittee meetings in November and December 2026. **Motioned by Aviles, seconded by Gunther and approved unanimously.**

#### **B. Presenting 2025 WeHo Artists**

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission received a presentation from staff and the 2025 WeHo Artist grantees: Philip Marc Tarley, Megan Mueller, Christian Cintron, and Fritzwa.

**ACTION:**

The Commission received the presentation from staff and the 2025 WeHo Artist grantees.

**VI. EXCLUDED CONSENT** None.

**VII. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**VIII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Moreno-Freedman shared reflections on their experience at the AIDS Monument event and expressed appreciation for the new holiday lighting.

Commissioner Aviles thanked the grantees and staff for their hard work and contributions.

Commissioner Faltz also thanked the grantees and staff for their hard work and contributions.

Vice Chair Lee thanked the grantees and staff for their dedication and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

**IX. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF**

Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff expressed her thanks to the grantees and the Commission for their participation and noted that the Guidelines will be brought back in January for approval.

Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann expressed her thanks to the Commission for attending the meeting and provided an overview of important 2025 data points.

**X. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA**

The Commission authorized staff to develop the agenda for the meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2026.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned at 6:10 p.m. to its meeting scheduled for Thursday, January 22, 2026, 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 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2026.

Signed by:  
*Sigourney Gunther*  
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COMMISSION CHAIR

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