

**CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD
ARTS AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2026 – 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 5:00 p.m.

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

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

C. Roll Call:

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

Absent: Commissioner Heather Allyn
Commissioner Martin Gantman

Also Present: Director of Economic Development Laura Biery
Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann
Administrative Specialist/Recording Secretary Dennice Oceguela
Public Art Administrator Marcus Mitchell
Arts Coordinator Michael Che
Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff

D. Approval of the Agenda:

ACTION: Approval of the February 26, 2026 agenda was **motioned by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman, seconded by Commissioner Faltz, and approved unanimously.**

E. Approval of the January 22, 2026 Meeting Minutes.

ACTION: Approval of the January 22, 2026 was **motioned by Chair Gunther, seconded by Commissioner Faltz and approved unanimously.**

F. Public Comment PAT DIXON, West Hollywood, Older Adults Advisory Board Commissioner introduced herself to the ACAC Commission and shared interest learning marketing techniques.

II. ARTS MANAGER'S UPDATE

Arts Manager Rebecca Ehemann provided several updates. She shared current opportunities, including the open call for the Musicians and Performers Roster (deadline February 28) and the WeHo Muralist Roster (deadline March 1, 2026). They also provided a look ahead at upcoming Subcommittee and Commission meetings in March, highlighting tentative items scheduled for review. Additionally, staff announced that Mito Aviles' term has concluded as an Arts Commissioner and noted that the March agenda will include an item to appoint an interim member to the PACA Subcommittee until a new Commissioner is appointed by Councilmember Hang.

III. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

The following routine matter was acted upon by one motion. Approval of the Consent Calendar was **motioned by Vice Chair Lee, seconded by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman 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. **Urban Art Subcommittee Report**

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission received a report from Commissioner Moreno-Freedman on the Urban Art Subcommittee for its meeting held February 5, 2026 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Approved the Subcommittee's recommendation to direct staff to consult with city staff regarding landscaping maintenance and future Metro transportation plans, as well as the original landscape architect in relation to *En Passant* by Barbara McCarren, and report back with updates. **Motioned by Vice Chair Lee seconded by Commissioner Faltz and approved unanimously.**
- 2) Approved design three of the Urban Art Guidelines Overview with specified language changes for production and circulation. **Motioned by Commissioner Faltz, seconded by Vice Chair Lee and approved unanimously.**

B. **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 February 12, 2026 and considered ratifying recommendations proposed by the Subcommittee.

ACTIONS:

- 1) Received and filed the Art on the Outside Current, Upcoming, and Potential Project Calendar. **Motioned by Chair Gunther, seconded by Commissioner Faltz and approved unanimously.**

- 2) Approved *Streamlined: Belterra, Amazônia / Alberta, Michigan* by Clarissa Tossin at 8501 Sunset Boulevard (SunCienega), *Hand Shapes and Scene Numbers* by Alison O’Daniel at 8730 Sunset Boulevard (The Whorl) and *Harbinger* by Monroe Isenberg at 9157 Sunset Boulevard (Streamlined Arbor) for exhibition from June 1 – September 30, 2026. **Motioned by Chair Gunther, seconded by Commissioner Faltz and approved unanimously.**
- 3) Approved the Subcommittee’s request for the final version of *JAZZ 2* by Nikita Gale at 8901 Sunset (The Whisky) to return to the Subcommittee for review and approval prior to exhibition **Motioned by Commissioner Faltz, seconded by Chair Gunther and approved unanimously.**

C. Library Cultural Programming Committee Report

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission received a report from Commissioner Faltz on the Library Cultural Programming Committee (LCPC) meeting on February 10, 2026, and made actions as follows.

ACTIONS:

- 1) The Commission approved the co-sponsorship of the April 2026 National Poetry Month slate of programming. **Motioned by Chair Gunther, seconded by Commissioner Moreno-Freedman and approved unanimously.**
- 2) The Commission approved 2026-2029 West Hollywood City Poet Laureate Application and RFQ. **Motioned by Vice Chair Lee, seconded by Chair Gunther and approved unanimously.**
- 3) The Commission approved the upcoming library exhibitions as follows:
 - a. Approve loan fee and contract extension with Jay Lynn Gomez/Charlie James Gallery for the painting West Hollywood Park until 2034 with option to cancel contract with 14-day notice.
 - b. Approval of loan extension for Angel of Compassion and Cacti.
 - c. Approval of Laura Brody’s Banned Book Paper Costume exhibition.
 - d. Approval of final artworks for Vojislav Radovanovic’s Bird Circuit exhibition.
 - e. Approve development of an open call for mural for Children’s Library Area.**Motioned by Chair Gunther, seconded by Commissioner Faltz and approved unanimously.**

V. NEW BUSINESS None.

VI. EXCLUDED CONSENT None.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT None.

VIII. ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Faltz welcomed Dennice back to the Commission.

Commissioner Moreno-Freedman expressed gratitude for the opportunity to travel to Sacramento and shared highlights from the Arts for LA event, where attendees praised the City of West Hollywood's work, particularly the Creative Plan. She also shared interest in attending another Nikki Costa concert.

Chair Gunther shared a friend's positive feedback about the WeHo Artists Roundtable, highlighting how impactful and engaging Eva's presentation was.

IX. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF

Public Art Administrator Marcus Mitchell invited the Commission to the Tom of Finland Foundation art exhibition, *FXLK PLAY*, at Plummer Park Long Hall, on view from February 19 through March 19, 2026.

Arts Coordinator Mike Che thanked the Commission for their decisions on the Library Cultural Programming Committee item, and provided information on a pop-up art exhibit taking place at a vacant 99cent store on Wilshire featuring hundreds of artists.

Grants Coordinator Eva Angeloff shared a recap of the WeHo Artists Roundtable and upcoming programs, along with marketing ideas for future events. Noted that the guidelines approved by City Council on February 17 are now open to applicants. Also highlighted the August 12, 19, and 26 Arts Grant Panels, including the 2027–2028 Special Arts Project panel, which will feature representatives from the local business community.

Administrative Specialist/Recording Secretary Dennice Oceguela thanked Joy Tribble for serving as Acting Recording Secretary and shared ways the public can stay connected to Arts Division events, including the Rec Reader, social media, the City website, and the City calendar.

Director of Economic Development Laura Biery shared that community members can subscribe to the City's text message system and customize their preferences to receive arts-related updates. Also provided information about the West Hollywood Art Walk on February 28, 2026.

X. DEVELOPMENT OF NEXT MEETING AGENDA

The Commission authorized staff to develop the agenda for the meeting on Thursday, March 26, 2026.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

The Arts and Cultural Affairs Commission adjourned at 5:59 p.m. to its meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 26, 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 26th DAY OF MARCH 2026.

Signed by:
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COMMISSION CHAIR

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RECORDING SECRETARY