



Civic Arts Commission  
Office of Economic Development

# MINUTES

## Civic Arts Commission Meeting

### Wednesday, October 19, 2022

### 6:00 PM

No physical location; meeting held exclusively through videoconference and teleconference.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** 6:05 PM

2. **ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present:** Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Woo.

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Hilary Amnah, Grants Program Lead; Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary/Chief Cultural Affairs Officer; Zoë Taleporos, Public Art Program Lead.

**Members of the public in attendance:** 4

3. **PUBLIC COMMENT** (for items not on the agenda)

2 speakers

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) **September 28, 2022 Draft Minutes.**

**Action:** M/S/C (Anno/Blecher) to approve the September 28, 2022 Minutes.

**Vote:** Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhese, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain —None; Absent — None.

## **5. CHAIR’S REPORT**

None.

## **6. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS**

### **a) FY24 General Operating Support Grant Guidelines**

**Action:** M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Anno) to approve the FY24 General Operating Support Grant Guidelines with the following modifications: changing “direct financial support from the City Council budget” in the eligibility section to also include Council discretionary fund donations over \$1,000; and City payment of debt service related to City investment in an organization’s facility; and that this eligibility criteria would encompass the two years preceding the grant application.

**Vote:** Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhese, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain —None; Absent — None.

### **b) FY24 Community Festivals Grant Guidelines**

**Action:** M/S/C (Ozol /Anno) to approve the FY24 Community Festivals Grant Guidelines with the following modifications: changing “direct financial support from the City Council budget” in the eligibility section to also include Council discretionary fund donations over \$1,000; and City payment of debt service related to City investment in an organization’s facility; and that this eligibility criteria would encompass the two years preceding the grant application; and modifying the Review Criteria percentages (Festival Management and Production changed from 30% to 25% and Community Engagement and Impact changed from 20% to 25%).

**Vote:** Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Covarrubias, Dhese, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Recused — Bullwinkel; Absent — None.

### **c) FY24 Individual Artist Projects Grant Guidelines**

**Action:** M/S/C (Anno/Covarrubias) to approve the FY24 Individual Artist Projects Grant Guidelines.

**Vote:** Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — None.

d) **Revised Homelessness Social Practice Project Plan**

**Action:** M/S/C (Passmore /Bullwinkel) to approve the Revised Homelessness Social Practice Project Plan with the following modifications: two projects with budgets of \$25,000 each will be implemented instead of three projects with budgets of \$15,000 each; 5%–50% of artist’s project budget must be allocated to participating direct-service organization or unhoused individuals.

**Vote:** Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — None.

**Public Comment:** 1

e) **Establish Commissioner representatives on Civic Center Committee**

**Action:** M/S/C (Covarrubias/Blecher) to approve Commissioners Bullwinkel, Ozol, and Woo as representatives on the Civic Center Committee.

**Vote:** Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — None.

**Public Comment:** 1

**7. STAFF REPORT**

- a) Jennifer Lovvorn provided Civic Arts Program updates.
- b) Hilary Annah provided Grants Program updates.
- c) Zoë Taleporos provided Public Art Program updates.

## 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants — Action items from this subcommittee were discussed earlier on agenda and there were no additional items to report.
- Dana Blecher, Chair
  - Liz Ozol
  - Cameron Woo
- b) Policy — Chair Anno reported on the subcommittee’s first discussion about the development of a Poet Laureate Program for the City of Berkeley; and the issue of inclusion of the “Arts” in “Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics” education (“STEAM” versus “STEM” education) in relation to the grants being awarded by Bayer as part of their community benefit agreement with the City.
- Kim Anno, Chair
  - Lisa Bullwinkel
  - Modesto Covarrubias
- c) Public Art — Chair Passmore reported on a concern brought to the Public Art Subcommittee by a member of the public regarding the *Opening Circle* artwork and related impacts to burrowing owls by off-leash dogs.
- Matt Passmore, Chair
  - Kim Anno
  - Dana Blecher
  - Riti Dhesi
- d) Representative on Berkeley Cultural Trust — Commissioner Bullwinkel
- e) reported that the Trust is hiring a consultant to work with the group’s members on its mission statement.
- Lisa Bullwinkel
- e) Representative on Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee (BAESC) — Commissioner

Ozol discussed California Proposition 28 for funding arts and music education.

- Liz Ozol

f) Representative on Design Review Committee — No report.

- Cameron Woo

g) Representative on Ad-Hoc Artists Affordable Housing Committee — No report.

- Kim Anno

## 9. COMMUNICATION

a) Burrowing Owl Fence at Opening Circle artwork at César Chávez Park

## 10. ADJOURNMENT Adjourn 8:31 pm

**Action:** M/S/C (Blecher /Dhesi) to adjourn.

**Vote:** Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — None.

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