



Civic Arts Commission

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Civic Arts Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, July 19, 2023**  
**6:00 PM**

**Meeting Location: Tarea Hall Pittman South Branch Library**  
**1901 Russell St., Berkeley, CA 94703**

**1. CALL TO ORDER 6:04 PM**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present:** Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhesi (Arrived 6:07 PM, Left meeting 7:35 PM), Ibarra, Ozol, Passmore, Woo.

**Commissioners Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Andrea Calderon, Civic Arts Intern; Hilary Amnah, Grants Program Lead; Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary/Chief Cultural Affairs Officer.

**Members of the public in attendance:** 6

**3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

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

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**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a) Draft Minutes of June 21, 2023 Meeting

Action: M/S/C (Woo/Ibarra) to approve the June 21, 2023 Draft Minutes with edit to Policy Committee report to note their June 20 meeting.

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

## 6. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a) FY24 Budget Recap

## 7. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSION, AND ACTION ITEMS

- a) Presentation: CA Theater Consortium plans for ground floor theater space at 2113 Kittredge Street, Presented by Glen Epperson and Jennifer Boesing  
Public Comment: 0
- b) Presentation: Utility Box Mural Program inventory and assessment, Presented by Andrea Calderon, Civic Arts Intern, Introduced by Jennifer Lovvorn, Chief Cultural Affairs Officer  
Public Comment: 1
- c) Action: M/S/C (Passmore/Anno) to approve the FY24 Civic Arts Commission Annual Work Plan with change to wording of second item listed under Public Art Subcommittee to: "Complete backlog of public art projects identified in previous fiscal years (Attachment 1) and the Public Art Master Plan before initiating new public art projects for implementation by Civic Arts staff."  
Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ibarra, Ozol, Passmore, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — None.  
Public Comment: 0
- d) Discussion: Public Comment Guidelines from Commissioner Manual Introduced by Jennifer Lovvorn, Chief Cultural Affairs Officer  
Public Comment: 1
- e) Presentation: Public Art on Private Development Quarterly Report  
From: Jennifer Lovvorn, Chief Cultural Affairs Officer  
Public Comment: 0
- f) Presentation: FY24 Civic Arts Grant-Funded Festivals and Civic Arts Grant-Funded Festivals Quarterly Report  
From: Hilary Amnah, Grants Program Lead  
Public Comment: 1

## 8. STAFF REPORTS

- a) Civic Arts Updates, Jennifer Lovvorn
- b) Grants Program Updates, Hilary Amnah

## 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants – Met on June 30, 2023 to discuss Grants Work Plan.
  - Dana Blecher, Chair
  - Liz Ozol
  - Cameron Woo
  
- b) Policy – Commissioner Anno attended the Housing Advisory Commission (HAC) on July 17 to request establishing a joint subcommittee to work on Affordable Housing for Artists and Cultural Workers. At that meeting HAC established members to participate on this joint subcommittee. Those members will meet regularly with the members of the Policy Subcommittee over the next 12 months to work on policies to support Affordable Housing for Artists and Cultural Workers.
  - Kim Anno, Chair
  - Lisa Bullwinkel
  - Modesto Covarrubias, Stepped off subcommittee
  - Liz Ozol, Joined subcommittee
  - Cameron Woo
  
- c) Public Art – No meeting.
  - Matt Passmore, Chair
  - Kim Anno
  - Riti Dhesi
  
- d) Representatives on Civic Center Project – No meeting.
  - Lisa Bullwinkel
  - Liz Ozol
  - Cameron Woo
  
- e) Representative on Berkeley Cultural Trust – No report.
  - Lisa Bullwinkel
  
- f) Representatives on Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee – No meeting.
  - Liz Ozol
  
- g) Representative on Design Review Committee – Design Review Committee will be meeting on July 20.
  - Cameron Woo

- h) Representative on Ad-Hoc Artists Affordable Housing Committee – No report.
  - Kim Anno

**10. COMMUNICATION** (Received from the Public for Items not on the Agenda)

- a) Communication from Wyndy Knox Carr

**11. ADJOURNMENT** 8:08 PM

Action: M/S/C (Anno/Bullwinkel) to adjourn the meeting.

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

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