



Civic Arts Commission
Office of Economic Development

MINUTES
Civic Arts Commission Meeting
Wednesday, June 23, 2021
6:00 PM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:06 PM

2. ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: None.

Staff Present: Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary/Chief Cultural Affairs Officer.

Members of the public in attendance: 1

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

3 speakers (one member of the public and two Commissioners)

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) **May 26, 2021 Draft Minutes**

Action: M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Blecher) to approve the May 26, 2021 Minutes.

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

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a) The Chair stated that the City's Fiscal Year 2022 budget process is nearing completion and that the current proposed budget includes \$2,000,000 to support the arts community in reopening. He updated the Commission on the budget advocacy efforts of the Berkeley Cultural Trust and reminded Commissioners about the date for the adoption of the FY22 budget on June 29. He urged Commissioners to connect with their appointing Council Members.

6. **ACTION ITEMS** (All items for discussion and possible action)

a) **Letter of support to City Council regarding allocation of FY22 budget for grant funding to assist the arts sector with reopening**

Action: M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Anno) to approve the letter of support to City Council regarding allocation of FY22 budget for grant funding to assist the arts sector with reopening, with the addition of a request of \$1.25 million for FY23 to support organizations, festivals, and individual artists who were not included in the FY22 grant cycle.

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

b) **Approval of Berkeley Art Works Project Grants – June 2021 Panel Results**

Action: M/S/C (Ozol/Dhesi) to approve the Berkeley Art Works Project Grants – June 2021 Panel Results.

Vote: Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Covarrubias, Dhesi, Ozol, Passmore; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Recused — Bullwinkel; Absent — Slattery. (Slattery’s internet connection failed during the vote.)

c) **FY22 Public Art Budgets: FY 22 Budget Fund 150 Public Art Fund and FY 22 Budget Fund 148 Cultural Trust Fund – Private Percent for Art**

Action: M/S/C (Passmore/Blecher) to approve the FY22 Public Art Budgets: FY 22 Budget Fund 150 Public Art Fund and FY 22 Budget Fund 148 Cultural Trust Fund – Private Percent for Art.

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

7. **PRESENTATIONS and DISCUSSION**

- a) None

8. **STAFF REPORT**

- a) None

9. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- a) Grants — No meeting in the last month.
- John Slattery, Chair
 - Kim Anno
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Liz Ozol

- b) Policy — No meeting in the last month.
 - Kim Anno, Chair
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Liz Ozol

- c) Public Art — Met on June 11 to discuss the FY22 Public Art Budgets.
 - Matt Passmore, Chair
 - Kim Anno
 - Dana Blecher
 - Modesto Covarrubias

- d) Representative on Berkeley Cultural Trust — BCT continues to work on advocacy for arts reopening grant funds and an increase to festival grant funds.
 - Lisa Bullwinkel

- e) Representatives on Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee — No meeting in the last month.
 - Liz Ozol
 - Riti Dhesi

- f) Representative on Design Review Committee — The committee reviewed one proposed building to be located on 10th Street between Gilman and Harrison.
 - Modesto Covarrubias

- g) Representative on Ad-Hoc Artists Affordable Housing Committee — Commissioner Anno reported that the legislation for affordable artist housing in vacant storefronts will be sponsored by at least two Council Members. The committee will support the effort by doing data research.
 - Kim Anno

10. COMMUNICATION

- a) Communication from Ian Winters

11. ADJOURNMENT Adjourn 7:57 PM

Action: M/S/C (Passmore/Ozol) to adjourn commission meeting.

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

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