



Civic Arts Commission
Office of Economic Development

MEETING MINUTES
Civic Arts Commission Meeting
Wednesday, September 22, 2021
6:00 PM

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

1. CALL TO ORDER 6:01 PM

2. ROLL CALL

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

Commissioners Absent: Anno.

Staff Present: Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary/Chief Cultural Affairs Officer; and
Donnarcia Scurry, Civic Arts Analyst.

Members of the public in attendance: 3

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

0 speakers

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) **July 28, 2021 Draft Minutes**

Action: M/S/C (Blecher/Ozol) to approve the July 28, 2021 Minutes.

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

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

a) No report.

6. PRESENTATIONS and DISCUSSION

a) American Rescue Plan funds for the Arts: Grant Program Guidelines.

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

a) **American Rescue Plan funds for the Arts: Grant Program Guidelines**

Action: M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Dhesi) to continue this item to next month.

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

b) **Approval of *Love Grows Naturally* mural design by Illuminaries for side wall of 2498 Telegraph**

Action: M/S/C (Passmore/Bullwinkel) to approve mural design by Illuminaries for side wall of 2498 Telegraph at Dwight (funded by Berkeley Art Works Projects Grant).

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

c) **Approval of *Berkeley Big Book Mural* design by Nigel Sussman for 2052 Center Street**

Action: M/S/C (Ozol/Blecher) to approve *Berkeley Big Book Mural* design by Nigel Sussman for 2052 Center Street (funded by Berkeley Art Works Projects Grant).

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

d) **Approval of *Mundane Times* newspaper project design by Kate Pocrass for multiple locations in Berkeley**

Action: M/S/C (Blecher/Ozol) to approve *Mundane Times* newspaper project design by Kate Pocrass for multiple locations in Berkeley (funded by Berkeley Art Works Projects Grant).

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

e) **Approval of New Civic Arts Commission representative to the Design Review Committee**

Action: M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Passmore) to approve Commissioner Dana Blecher to serve as the Civic Arts Commission representative to the Design Review Committee.

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

8. STAFF REPORT

- a) Staffing updates

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants — Committee met on September 14th to discuss the ARPA recovery funds for the arts.
 - John Slattery, Chair
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Liz Ozol

- b) Policy — Committee met on September 13th and 20th to discuss the ARPA recovery funds for the arts.
 - Kim Anno, Chair
 - Lisa Bullwinkel
 - Modesto Covarrubias

- c) Public Art — Met on September 13th to review three artwork designs for projects funded by the Berkeley Arts Works Projects grants.
 - Matt Passmore, Chair
 - Kim Anno
 - Dana Blecher
 - Modesto Covarrubias

- d) Representative on Berkeley Cultural Trust — BCT is exploring expanding its mission to serve individual artists in addition to arts organizations and BCT's Equity and Inclusion committee is reviewing the Arts & Culture Plan.
 - Lisa Bullwinkel

- e) Representatives on Berkeley Arts Education Steering Committee — The first meeting of the school year will be Monday, September 27th.
 - Liz Ozol
 - Riti Dhesi

- f) Representative on Design Review Committee — Commissioner Blecher was approved at this meeting to become the Commission's representative to this committee.
 - Dana Blecher

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

10. COMMUNICATION

- a) Communication from Skate XP

11. ADJOURNMENT Adjourn 7:53 PM

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

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

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