



Civic Arts Commission  
Office of Economic Development

**MINUTES**  
**Civic Arts Commission Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 23, 2020**  
**6:00 PM**

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER 6:02PM**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present:** Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Slattery, Tamano.

**Commissioners Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jennifer Lovvorn, Commission Secretary/Chief Cultural Affairs Officer and Chrystal O'Malley, Civic Arts Analyst.

**Members of the public in attendance:** 8

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

None

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a) July 15, 2020 Draft Minutes (Attachment 1)**

**Action:** M/S/C (Covarrubias/Passmore) to approve the July 15, 2020 Minutes.

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

## 5. CHAIR'S REPORT

- a) The chair stated the Berkeley Cultural Trust is hosting a Candidates Forum on the Arts on Zoom on Thursday, October 1 at 6 PM and invited the other commissioners to attend.
- b) The chair reported on the destruction of public art in Halcyon Court and presented images of the bird sculpture. The piece was approved by the Civic Arts Commission but not funded by the City. She has informed the group that the artist may apply for an individual artist grant to recreate an artwork for that location.
- c) The chair invited Steven Finacom to speak about Council's approval of the Civic Center Vision Plan. He stated that Council adopted the vision statement but did not approve a specific design concept. He encouraged commissioners to continue to advocate for inclusion of arts uses in the plans as they are further developed. The chair will convene a meeting of the Civic Center Vision Subcommittee which consists of Commissioners Blecher, Bullwinkel, Ozol, and Tamano and encourage members of the Berkeley Cultural Trust to attend that meeting.

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

- a) **Proposed Cube Space exhibition by curator Leila Weefur (Attachment 2)**  
**Action:** M/S/C (Anno/Blecher) to approve artist J Rivera Pansa for a Cube Space exhibition.  
**Vote:** Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Slattery, Tamano; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — None; Recused — None.
- b) **Designs for San Pablo Park Public Art elements by Michael Arcega (Attachment 3)**  
**Action:** M/S/C (Passmore/Anno) to approve San Pablo public art elements by Michael Arcega.  
**Vote:** Ayes — Anno, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Covarrubias, Ozol, Passmore, Ross, Slattery, Tamano; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — None; Recused — None.
- c) **Endorsement of the Turtle Island Fountain Project**  
Item tabled to next meeting
- d) **Mural Opportunity at James Kenney Park Presentation by Scott Ferris (Attachment 4)**

**Action:** M/S/C (Anno/Blecher) to approve mural project in the amount of \$15,000 at James Kenny Park.

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

e) **FY22 Civic Arts Grant Schedule (Attachment 5)**

**Action:** M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Passmore) to keep grant schedule timeline with Civic Arts Commission approval of grant awards before Council adopts the budget.

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

f) **Fiscal Year 2022 Grant Guidelines for Individual Artists, Arts Organizations, and Festivals (Attachment 6)**

i. **Action:** M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Anno) to approve Individual Artists Grant Guidelines with a change to the sit out period to be a 2 years.

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

ii. **Action:** M/S/C (Bullwinkel/Covarrubias) to approve Arts Organization Grant Guidelines with a two year grant cycle.

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

iii. **Action:** M/S/C (Tamano/Blecher) to approve Festival Grant Guidelines with the addition of language regarding repayment of City funds within 60 days of cancelled event.

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

**7. PRESENTATIONS and DISCUSSION**

a) Measure T1 Phase 2 Planning Presentation by Scott Ferris (Attachment 7)

**8. STAFF REPORT**

a) Festival Pivot Plans Quarterly Update (Attachment 8)

b) Private Percent for Art Quarterly Report (Attachment 9)

c) Financial Health Infographic (Attachment 10)

## 9. COMMUNICATION

- a) Public Comment from Joanne De Phillips (Attachment 11)
- b) Public Comment for artwork: “Whiteness Remains Invisible” featured in Berkeleyside (Attachment 12)
- c) Berkeley Independent Redistricting Commission (Attachment 13)

## 10. ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn 8:52 PM

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

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

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