



**Draft Minutes
Civic Arts Commission
Wednesday, February 25, 2026
6:00 PM**

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

1. CALL TO ORDER: 6:02 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Kramer, Montgomery, Pineda, Woo

Commissioners Absent: Scott

Staff Present: Carianna Arredondo, Commission Secretary/Assistant to the City Manager; Mark Salinas, Public Art Program Lead

Staff Absent: Hilary Amnah, Grants Program Lead

General Public Present: 3

3. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

4. PUBLIC COMMENT: 2

5. COMMUNICATIONS: 0

6. CHAIR'S REPORT

a) Acknowledgements

b) Reminders: Ongoing Agenda Items

7. PRESENTATIONS, DISCUSSIONS, & ACTION ITEMS

a) **Presentation Item:** Cultural Planning Group's City of Berkeley Arts Resiliency Study
Public Comment: 1

b) **Action Item:** Masako Miki – Construction Development
M/S/C (Montgomery/Kramer) to approve the Construction Development Phase of the Masako Miki public art project

Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Kramer, Montgomery, Pineda, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Scott.
Public Comment: 0

- c) **Action Item:** Kevin Chen presents Cube Space B Sisters (Behnaz and Baharak Khaleghi) installation and film
M/S/C (Montgomery/Pineda) to approve the B Sisters installation and film for the Cube Space Exhibit April – July 2026
Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Dutta-Choudhury, Kramer, Montgomery, Pineda, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — Bullwinkel; Absent — Scott.
Public Comment: 0
- d) **Presentation Item:** Festivals Quarterly Report (Deferred to the next meeting)
Public Comment: 0
- e) **Action Item:** Annual Officer Elections
M/S/C (Dana/Bullwinkel) to elect Peter Montgomery as Civic Arts Commission Chair
M/S/C (Woo/Montgomery) to elect Jonathan Bachrach as Civic Arts Commission Vice Chair
Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Kramer, Montgomery, Pineda, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Scott.
Public Comment: 0
- f) **Action Item:** Event Producers Policy Recommendations
M/S/C (Montgomery/Woo) to approve the full report of the Event Producers Policy Recommendations and send to City Council
Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Kramer, Montgomery, Pineda, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Scott.
Public Comment: 0
- g) **Discussion Item:** City of Berkeley Budget Updates
Public Comment: 0
- h) **Discussion Item:** Civic Arts Commission Updates
Public Comment: 0

8. STAFF REPORTS

- a) Public Art Program Updates, Mark Salinas
- b) Grants Program Updates, Hilary Amnah (Deferred to the next meeting)
- c) Civic Arts Program Updates, Carianna Arredondo

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Grants - None
- b) Public Art - None
- c) Policy - None
- d) Design Review - February Meeting Canceled

10. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/S/C (Woo/Pineda) to approve Draft Minutes of January 28, 2026 Meeting

Vote: Ayes — Bachrach, Blecher, Bullwinkel, Dutta-Choudhury, Kramer, Montgomery, Pineda, Woo; Nays — None; Abstain — None; Absent — Scott.

Public Comment: 0

11. COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCEMENTS: 0

12. ADJOURNMENT: 8:59 PM

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