MINUTES
MALIBU ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2026
MALIBU CITY HALL, MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
9:30 A.M.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

ROLL CALL

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:

PRESENT: Vice Chair Peter Jones; Commissioners Maureen Haldeman, Pamela Conley Ulich, and Dennis Smith

ABSENT: Commissioner Lotte Cherin

ALSO PRESENT: Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Director; and Brittany Saleaumua, Administrative Assistant

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Conley Ulich moved, and Commissioner Haldeman seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called, and the motion carried 4 - 0; Commissioner Cherin absent.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Administrative Assistant Saleaumua reported that the meeting agenda was properly posted on January 22, 2026.

ITEM 1. CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

A. Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Commissioners

Administrative Assistant Saleaumua administered the Oath of Office to Commissioner Haldeman.

B. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Vice Chair Jones stated election of Chair and Vice Chair would be postponed to the next Regular meeting since Commissioner Cherin was absent.

Commissioner Conley Ulich stated she would like to review the Commission's Rules of Procedure and Decorum to review the rule on Election of Officers.

ITEM 2.A. WRITTEN AND ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Vice Chair Jones opened the floor for public comment.

John De Herrera proposed an Art Walk at Legacy Park.

Haylynn Conrad stated she wanted to utilize public spaces for art. She suggested reaching out to Muralism, a Los Angeles non-profit organization, to add a mural on the retaining wall at Pacific Coast Highway and Las Flores Canyon Road. She stated utility boxes could also be painted.

Yvette Mattern presented the Global Rainbow Project and stated she wanted to display it with the support of the City from July 3 to 5, 2026. She stated it was on display twice in 2025, and people supported the project. She stated the permitting would be obtained from the Community Development Department.

In response to Commissioner Conley Ulich, Ms. Mattern stated the budget was $40,000 and would be fundraised.

Julie Carmen stated she supported performing arts in Malibu and requested a professional dance floor in the Performing Arts Center.

Tigist Helen Schmidt stated she submitted an exhibition proposal for her photography artwork for Commission consideration in Fiscal Year 2026-27.

ITEM 2.B. COMMISSION AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Arts in Education

   Commissioner Conley Ulich requested information regarding arts in education.

   Community Services Director Riesgo stated poetry workshops were completed at Webster Elementary School and the workshops at Malibu Elementary School and Malibu High School would take place in the Winter and Spring seasons.

2. Malibu Public Art Exhibitions

   Community Services Director Riesgo stated staff worked with the Malibu Public Art Exhibitions Ad Hoc Committee to finalize the exhibition schedule for Fiscal Year 2026-27. She stated the Commission would review and approve the list of exhibitions in June or July.

Commissioner Smith thanked staff for their assistance with the exhibitions and welcomed Commissioner Haldeman. He requested that she join him on the Malibu Public Art Exhibitions Ad Hoc Committee.

3. Business and Community Outreach

Commissioner Conley Ulich stated she held events in relation to a Year of Love, Hope, and Healing. She wanted to work with the Chamber of Commerce and local businesses to expand outreach programming.

4. Social Media

Commissioner Conley Ulich stated she would arrive early for the February 24, 2026 Regular meeting to meet artists and discuss art related items.

5. Parcel C Performing Arts Center

In response to Vice Chair Jones, Community Services Director Riesgo stated during the January 26, 2026 City Council Regular meeting, City Council directed staff to pause all work on the Parcel C Performing Arts Center until further notice.

ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Commissioner Conley Ulich moved, and Commissioner Smith seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0; Commissioner Cherin absent.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

A. Previously Discussed Items
None.

B. New Items
1. Approval of Minutes
Recommended Action: Approve the minutes for the October 28, 2025 Malibu Arts Commission Regular meeting.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

A. Community Resilience Project
Recommended Action: 1) At the recommendation of Vice Chair Jones and Commissioner Conley Ulich, review the proposed Community Resilience Project, and 2) Provide feedback to staff.

Community Services Director Riesgo presented the staff report.

Haylynn Conrad stated that, since the original staircase was unavailable, the Commission could duplicate the staircase piece. She suggested replicating artwork that reflects local artistry and history to promote cultural awareness.

Vice Chair Jones supported the idea of hosting an art exhibition related to the fires.

Commissioner Conley Ulich recommended a series of three projects: a community mural recognizing the 25th Annual Chumash Day Powwow and the City's 35th Anniversary in March, the Global Rainbow Project in July, and the Art Walk at Legacy Park in September.

Commissioner Smith stated building a replica of the staircase would not be feasible. He stated he was opposed to displaying destruction and fire-related items since the daily reminder of what happened could be seen on Pacific Coast Highway.

Commissioner Haldeman stated the concept of resiliency was wonderful and the Commission did not need to reinforce the ugliness of the disasters but embrace the beauty and show the positiveness that has occurred.

MOTION Commissioner Conley Ulich moved, and Vice Chair Jones seconded a motion to organize a community mural project at the Chumash Day Powwow on March 28-29, 2026, recommended staff work with Yvette Mattern to display the Global Rainbow Project on July 3-5, 2026, and coordinate a Legacy Park Art Walk as part of the Public Safety Preparedness Expo in September. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0; Commissioner Cherin absent.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

A. Ad Hoc Committees

Recommended Action: 1) Review and discuss the Commission Ad Hoc Committees, and 2) Affirm, modify, dissolve, or create new Ad Hoc Committee appointments.

Community Services Director Riesgo presented the staff report and stated the Parcel C Performing Arts Center Ad Hoc would be dissolved until further notice since City Council requested all work on Parcel C be put on hold.

Commissioner Conley Ulich suggested adding a Community Resilience Project Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Vice Chair Jones and herself. She stated Ad Hoc would coordinate the community resiliency events with Staff.

Commissioner Haldeman stated she wanted to be on the Malibu Public Art Exhibitions Ad Hoc with Commissioner Smith.

In response to Commissioner Conley Ulich, Commissioner Haldeman stated she would assist Commissioner Conley Ulich on the Social Media Ad Hoc.

Administrative Assistant stated the revisions consisted of 1) dissolving the Parcel C Performing Arts Center Ad Hoc; 2) creating the Community Resilience Project Ad Hoc; 3) appointing Vice Chair Jones and Commissioner Conley Ulich to the Community Resilience Ad Hoc; and 4) appointing Commissioner Haldeman to the Malibu Public Art Exhibitions and Social Media Ad Hocs.

MOTION Commissioner Conley Ulich moved, and Vice Chair Jones seconded a motion to 1) dissolving the Parcel C Performing Arts Center Ad Hoc; 2) creating the Community Resilience Project Ad Hoc; 3) appointed Vice Chair Jones and Commissioner Conley Ulich to the Community Resilience Ad Hoc; and 4) appoint Commissioner Haldeman to the Malibu Public Art Exhibitions and Social Media Ad Hocs. The motion carried 4-0; Commissioner Cherin absent.

B. Public Art Opportunities
Recommended Action: Review and provide feedback on potential public art opportunities.

Community Services Director Riesgo presented the staff report.

In response to Vice Chair Jones, Community Services Director Riesgo stated the artwork on the storm drains were worn-out and four storm drains would be painted with new artwork.

Vice Chair Jones stated he supported the Storm Drain Artwork Project.

Commissioner Conley Ulich stated the Commission should focus on the Summer 2028 Olympics to showcase Malibu's surf culture. She recommended coordinating a longboard surf competition at Surfrider Beach before the Olympics. She stated it would include a surfboard art element. She recommended the City display the 7-7-7 artwork created by David Legaspi during FIFA.

Community Services Director Riesgo asked if by consensus the Commission wanted to proceed with the Storm Drain Artwork Project.

CONSENSUS By Consensus, the Commission recommended that staff proceed with the Storm Drain Artwork Project.

In response to Commissioner Haldeman, Commissioner Conley Ulich stated that the 7-7-7 display represented the seven colors of the rainbow, with seven endangered species performing seven different skateboarding poses.

In response to Commissioner Conley Ulich, Community Services Director Riesgo stated the Art in Public Places fund had specific requirements for expensing and displaying public art.

ITEM 6 STAFF UPDATES

Community Services Director Riesgo provided an update on the Art Conservation Clinic, poetry programs, Nathan Hassall's poetry stone, and poetry stone pavers.

ITEM 7 COMMISSIONER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES

Commissioner Smith stated he supported agendizing the Commission's Rules of Procedure and Decorum to discuss the rules regarding the Election of Officers.

CONSENSUS By Consensus, the Commission recommended agendizing the Rules of Procedure and Decorum.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Rules of Procedure and Decorum
Community Resilience Project Mural
Spring Art Exhibition
Art in Public Places

ADJOURNMENT

At 11:07 a.m., Vice Chair Jones adjourned the meeting.

Approved and adopted by the Malibu Arts Commission of the City of Malibu on March 24, 2026.

PETER JONES, Chair

ATTEST:

BRITTANY SALEAUMUA, Administrative Assistant