MINUTES
MALIBU ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
FEBRUARY 24, 2026
MALIBU CITY HALL, MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
9:30 A.M.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 9:34 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

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

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Conley Ulich moved, and Commissioner Cherin seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Administrative Assistant Saleaumua reported that the meeting agenda was properly posted on February 19, 2026.

ITEM 1. CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioner Cherin nominated Vice Chair Jones to serve as Chair. She stated Vice Chair Jones has stepped into the role of Chair since Mr. Haldeman's vacancy.

Commissioner Smith nominated himself for Chair.

Administrative Assistant Saleaumua closed nominations for Chair.

The question was called, and the Commission voted 3-1-1 in favor of Vice Chair Jones as Chair; Commissioner Smith voted for himself, and Commissioner Conley Ulich abstained.

Administrative Assistant Saleaumua opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

Chair Jones nominated Commissioner Cherin for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Smith nominated himself for Vice Chair.

Administrative Assistant Saleaumua closed nominations for Vice Chair.

The question was called, and the Commission voted 3-1-1 in favor of Commissioner Cherin as Vice Chair; Commissioner Smith voted for himself, and Commissioner Conley Ulich abstained.

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

Administrative Assistant Saleaumua stated that written correspondence was received from Mr. Scott Dittrich, the correspondence was emailed to the Commissioners and a hard copy was provided at the meeting.

In response to Chair Jones, Community Services Director Riesgo clarified that Mr. Dittrich's correspondence was referring to Las Flores Creek Park.

ITEM 2.B. COMMISSION AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Arts in Education

   Community Services Director Riesgo provided an update on poetry workshops at Malibu Elementary School and Malibu High School. She stated that staff had begun working on the student poetry and art anthology.

   In response to Commissioner Conley Ulich, Community Services Director Riesgo stated the students' artwork was revealed at the annual Poetry Summit in May and would be promoted online after the reveal.

2. Malibu Public Art Exhibitions
   Community Services Director Riesgo provided an update on the Student Art Exhibition. She stated the art exhibition featuring Gay Summer Rick would be displayed from March 23 through May 1, and an opening reception would be on Sunday, March 22.

3. Business and Community Outreach

   Commissioner Conley Ulich stated the Year of Love, Hope, and Healing was successful.

4. Social Media

In response to Commissioner Conley Ulich, Community Services Director Riesgo, she could research social media analytics and provide it to the Commission for review.

5. Community Resilience Project

The update would be provided during Item 5.B.

ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

A. Malibu Arts Commission Rules of Procedure and Decorum
Recommended Action: 1) Review the Malibu Arts Commission Rules of Procedure and Decorum; and 2) Recommend revisions for adoption by Resolution at the next Regular Commission meeting.

Community Services Director Riesgo presented the staff report.

Commissioner Cherin stated it was important that elections take place with the entire Commission present.

Commissioner Conley Ulich stated that the Commission was violating the Rules of Procedure and Decorum because elections were held during this meeting instead of in June.

Community Services Director Riesgo stated that Section 5 of the Rules of Procedure and Decorum allows the Commission to suspended the rules by a majority vote. She recommended to add the allowance of filling a vacancy in Section 1.1.B.

Commissioner Conley Ulich suggested to revise Section 1.1.B. to, "The Commission shall hold an election in June and/or as necessary due to unforeseen absences."

Commissioner Smith stated that elections could occur as long as four members of the Commission were present.

Chair Jones indicated agreement with Commissioner Smith.

MOTION Commissioner Smith moved, and Chair Jones seconded a motion to revise Section 1.1.B. of the Rules of Procedure and Decorum regarding Election of Officers to state "The Commission shall hold an election at its regular meeting in June of each year to select a Chair and Vice Chair from its membership. If the full Commission is not in attendance, at least four members of the Commission shall be present, or the election shall be continued to the next Regular Commission meeting." The motion carried 4-1; Commissioner Cherin dissenting.

Community Services Director Riesgo clarified whether the vacancy verbiage had been approved for inclusion in the rules.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT

Commissioner Smith amended the motion to revise Section 1.1.B of the Rules of Procedure and Decorum regarding Election of Officers to state, "The Commission shall hold an election at its Regular meeting in June of each year to select a Chair and Vice Chair from its membership, or sooner, in the event of an unplanned vacancy. If the full Commission is not in attendance, at least four members of the Commission shall be present, or the election shall be continued to the next Regular Commission meeting." The seconder accepted the amendment. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-1; Commissioner Cherin dissenting.

MOTION Commissioner Conley Ulich moved, and Chair Jones seconded a motion to suspend the rules for the Election of Officers since Elections were held during the February 24, 2026 Malibu Arts Commission Regular meeting. The motion carried 4-1; Commissioner Smith dissenting.

B. Malibu City Gallery Spring Art Exhibition

Recommended Action: At the recommendation of the Malibu Public Arts Exhibitions Ad Hoc Committee, approve featured artists Jacquelyn Blue and JoAnne Unger for the spring Malibu City Gallery art exhibition.

Community Services Director Riesgo presented the staff report.

Commissioner Haldeman stated that both artists were great, have been painting for years, and have won multiple awards. She stated they had recently begun painting together on a single canvas.

Commissioner Conley Ulich stated that it would be a unique experience to see their individual work and their joint artwork on display in the gallery.

MOTION Vice Chair Cherin moved, and Chair Jones seconded a motion to approve Jacquelyn Blue and JoAnne Unger for the spring Malibu City Gallery art exhibition. The motion carried unanimously.

C. Community Resiliency Mural Project

Recommended Action: At the recommendation of the Community Resilience Project Ad Hoc Committee, approve artist Hunter Blaze Pearson to create the City of Malibu 35th Anniversary Mural Project

Community Services Director Riesgo presented the staff report.

Commissioner Conley Ulich stated Hunter Blaze Pearson was a local artist and asked to incorporate cultural pieces into the mural.

In response to Vice Chair Cherin, Community Services Director Riesgo stated the mural would be on canvas and displayed at the Michael Landon Center at Malibu Bluffs Park.

In response to Chair Jones, Community Services Director Riesgo stated the City would own the mural upon completion.

MOTION Vice Chair Cherin moved, and Commissioner Conley Ulich seconded a motion to approve Hunter Blaze Pearson to create the City of Malibu 35th Anniversary Mural Project. The motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 6 STAFF UPDATES

Community Services Director Riesgo provided an update on poetry programs and Chumash Day.

ITEM 7 COMMISSIONER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES

Chair Jones provided an update on his Commission report, presented at the February 23, 2026 City Council meeting.

In response to Commissioner Conley Ulich, Community Services Director Riesgo stated that the longboarding surfing event idea discussed at the January 27, 2026 Regular meeting was outside the Commission's scope and the Community Services Department's purview and budget, as the event would involve multiple jurisdictions. She stated that further direction from the City Council would be required to move forward.

Commissioner Conley Ulich stated that Ryan Keeley, known as "Keeley," was an artist visiting Malibu from New York and would be interested in a solo exhibition at the Malibu City Gallery. She stated he was helping Malibu Urgent Care's fundraising efforts.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Art in Public Places

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:30 a.m., 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