

MINUTES  
MALIBU ARTS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 28, 2023  
TELECONFERENCED – VARIOUS LOCATIONS  
9:00 A.M.

The following meeting was held pursuant to AB 361 and fully teleconferenced from various locations during the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic.

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Cherin called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**ROLL CALL**

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

PRESENT: Chair Lotte Cherin; Vice Chair Fireball Lawrence; Commissioners Barry Haldeman, Julia Holland, Peter Jones; and Ex-Officio Graeme Clifford

ALSO PRESENT: Kristin Riesgo, Acting Community Services Director; and Kate Gallo, Recreation Manager

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chair Lawrence led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**CITY OF MALIBU VISION STATEMENT**

Commissioner Jones read the City of Malibu Vision Statement.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION Chair Cherin moved, and Vice Chair Lawrence seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

**REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA**

Recreation Manager Gallo reported the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on February 24, 2023.

**ITEM 1 CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS**

A. Administration of Oath of Office to Newly Appointed Commissioners  
Recreation Manager Gallo administered the Oath of Office to Ex-Officio Clifford.

**ITEM 2.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

John Mazza stated communication between the Parks and Recreation Commission and Planning Commission were essential to understand priorities, zoning issues, and restrictions before proposing an Arts Center.

Vice Chair Lawrence thanked Mr. Mazza for his comments.

**ITEM 2.B. COMMISSION AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

1. Arts in Education

Acting Community Services Director Riesgo stated poetry workshops were held at all Malibu schools in the Santa-Monica Malibu Unified School District. She stated staff were compiling poems and artist agreements for the 2023 Student Poetry and Art Anthology.

2. Malibu Public Art Exhibitions

Commissioner Holland stated the spring art exhibition would include artwork by Jane Seymour. She stated the Commission would host a closing reception in June 2023.

Vice Chair Lawrence stated the Jane Seymour exhibition would have freestanding pieces. He stated the Pep Williams art exhibition opening reception would take place on March 26, 2023 at 12:00 PM and the event included live music and a temporary display of artwork by Malibu Arts Association. He stated he worked with staff to install new gallery signs.

3. Business and Community Outreach

Commissioner Haldeman stated the Public Works Commission discussed a Neighborhood Beautification Program during the January 25, 2023 Regular meeting. He stated he would work with staff to obtain additional information on the Art in Public Places Ordinance.

4. Social Media

Vice Chair Lawrence thanked staff for consistent postings on social media.

5. Solstice Canyon Creek Beautification Project

Vice Chair Lawrence stated the City Attorney was reviewing the Cooperative Agreement, which must be done before City Council approves the project.

In response to Commissioner Haldeman, Vice Chair Lawrence stated the artwork would be completed before construction on the tunnel was finished.

**ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION** Chair Cherin moved, and Commissioner Haldeman seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

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 January 24, 2023 Malibu Arts Commission Regular meeting.

**ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Malibu Arts Budget  
Recommended Action: 1) Review the Proposed Malibu Arts Budget for Fiscal Year 2023-2024; and 2) Provide feedback to staff.

Acting Community Services Director Riesgo presented the staff report.

In response to Commissioner Jones, Vice Chair Lawrence stated artists should select their frames and pay for framing expenses if they want their work showcased in the Malibu City Gallery.

Commissioner Haldeman indicated agreement with Vice Chair Lawrence.

In response to Commissioner Haldeman, Chair Cherin stated the Commission could request additional funding from City Council at mid-year.

Vice Chair Lawrence stated the Commission and staff had successfully worked within the parameters of the current budget.

In response to Ex-Officio Clifford, Acting Community Services Director Riesgo stated staffing allocations were determined by City management. She stated poetry broadsides were Poet Laureate poems with a visual art element. She stated the Poet

Laureate hosted quarterly poetry events typically with an open mic session and a featured reader, and poetry would be displayed in City parks.

**B. Malibu Arts Center Survey Results**

Recommended Action: 1) Review and discuss the results of the Malibu Arts Center Survey; and 2) Provide a recommendation regarding the Malibu Arts Center for City Council consideration.

Acting Community Services Director Riesgo presented the staff report.

In response to Chair Cherin, Acting Community Services Director Riesgo stated the Arts Center was not on 2022-2023 City Council work plan. She stated City Council planned to discuss 2023-2024 priorities at a Special meeting on March 22, 2023. She stated the recommendation provided by the Commission would be provided to City Council for consideration.

In response to Commissioner Haldeman, Acting Community Services Director Riesgo stated the City Council Special meeting on March 22, 2023 was open to the public.

John Mazza stated the Arts Center was not on the City Council work plan because it was not a priority, and the project should be reviewed by City Council and the Planning Commission.

Vice Chair Lawrence thanked Mr. Mazza for his comments and requested him to submit recommendations on ways to progress the Arts Center project.

Mr. Mazza stated the survey results were one-sided and a professional surveyor was needed for a proper community study.

Ex-Officio Clifford indicated disagreement with Mr. Mazza. He stated the initial low-cost survey was needed to determine a general consensus for City Council consideration.

Commissioner Holland stated the Commission distributed the survey to gather initial information for City Council consideration. She stated the survey served its purpose to begin the discussion of an Arts Center.

Commissioner Haldeman indicated agreement with Commissioner Holland.

**MOTION** Chair Cherin moved, and Vice Chair Lawrence seconded a motion to provide City Council with a recommendation to consider Malibu Arts Center. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 6 STAFF UPDATES**

Acting Community Services Director Riesgo stated the Commission received compliments on the mid-year report from City Council during the February 27, 2023 Regular meeting. She stated the Commission would discuss their 2023-2024 Fiscal Year assignments at the April 25, 2023 Regular meeting.

**ITEM 7 COMMISSIONER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES**

Vice Chair Lawrence stated he worked on a documentary film “21 Miles in Malibu” which was shown at multiple film festivals and he was collaborating with the City for a potential showing at Malibu Bluffs Park.

Commissioner Holland stated she was collecting art supply donations for students in Malawi, Africa.

In response to Ex-Officio Clifford, Vice Chair Lawrence stated he would review the potential of photographer Julie Ellerton as an exhibitor for a single artist show at the Malibu City Gallery.

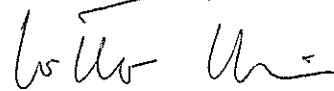
**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Bergamot Station Liaison  
Crosswalk Art  
Creative Directory  
Commission Assignments for Fiscal Year 2023-2024  
Art Donation Policy Guidelines

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** At 10:42 a.m., Commissioner Holland moved, and Commissioner Haldeman seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

Approved and adopted by the Malibu Arts  
Commission of the City of Malibu on March 28,  
2023.



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LOTTE CHERIN, Chair

ATTEST:

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BRITTANY SALEAUMUA, Administrative Assistant