

MINUTES
MALIBU ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 22, 2022
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 9:04 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT: Chair Lotte Cherin; Vice Chair Holland (arrived at 9:07 a.m.); Commissioners Barry Haldeman, and Fireball Lawrence; and Ex-Officio Clifford (arrived at 9:07 a.m.)

ABSENT: Commissioner Peter Jones

ALSO PRESENT: Jesse Bobbett, Community Services Director; Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Deputy Director; and Kate Gallo, Recreation Manager

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Cherin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITY OF MALIBU VISION STATEMENT

None.

At 9:07 a.m., Vice Chair Holland and Ex-Officio Clifford joined the meeting.

At 9:08 a.m., Chair Cherin left and re-joined the meeting due to technical issues.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Recreation Manager Gallo reported the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on March 17, 2022.

ITEM 1 CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

None.

ITEM 2.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 2.B. COMMISSION AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Arts in Education

Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo stated poetry workshops took place at Malibu Elementary School, Malibu Middle School, and Malibu High School. She stated staff was editing the Student Anthology which would be released in June 2022.

2. Malibu Public Art Exhibitions

Vice Chair Holland stated photographs for the “Malibu Perception” photography exhibition would be reviewed by her and Commissioner Lawrence. She stated she would meet with Poet Laureate Ann Buxie to discuss the addition of poetry for upcoming exhibitions.

In response to Chair Cherin, Vice Chair Holland stated specific artists were selected by the Ad Hoc for the exhibition.

Chair Cherin stated she preferred to have a Call for Artists for community art exhibitions and have the submissions juried by an outside panel instead of Commissioners.

Commissioner Lawrence indicated disagreement with Chair Cherin. He stated photographers included in the exhibition were well-known Malibu artists. He stated the Commission discussed selecting specific artists rather than holding a Call for Artists when the art exhibition schedule was originally reviewed and approved.

Vice Chair Holland stated artists were selected based on their participation in previous exhibitions.

In response to Commissioner Haldeman, Commissioner Lawrence stated the Commission discussed the exhibition schedule and details multiple

times. He stated delaying the exhibition to conduct a Call for Artists would affect the exhibition schedule.

Ex-Officio Clifford stated the exhibition should move forward as planned. He stated the desire to coordinate an outside jury and a Call for Artists should have been expressed before the exhibition was planned to open.

Vice Chair Holland stated the summer surf exhibition would have a Call for Artists.

Commissioner Lawrence stated the Ad Hoc had completed two exhibitions and hoped the Commission would trust their judgment when curating exhibitions.

3. Business and Community Outreach

Commissioner Haldeman stated the Malibu Chamber of Commerce had prepared an Art in Business proposal which the Ad Hoc Committee was reviewing. He stated the Chamber requested artist recommendations from the Commission to include in the Art in Business proposal.

In response to Community Services Director Bobbett, Commissioner Haldeman stated he did not know the extent of City support the Malibu Chamber of Commerce was requesting. He stated the Chamber would ask for assistance with advertising gallery openings.

4. Social Media

Commissioner Lawrence stated staff had been consistently posting on the Malibu Arts Commission Facebook page.

ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Chair Cherin moved, and Commissioner Lawrence seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0, Commissioner Jones absent.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

A. Previously Discussed Items

None.

B. New Items

I. Approval of Minutes

Recommended Action: Approve the minutes for the February 22, 2022 Malibu Arts Commission Regular Meeting.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

A. Malibu Arts Budget

Recommended Action: 1) Review the Malibu Arts Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023; and 2) Provide feedback to staff.

Community Services Director Bobbett presented the staff report.

In response to Chair Cherin, Community Services Director Bobbett stated the Art in Public Places Fund was separate from the General Fund and did not fluctuate based on the City's budget. He stated the only qualifying project under the Arts in Public Places Ordinance that had contributed to the Art in Public Places Fund was the Whole Foods development.

In response to Ex-Officio Clifford, Community Services Director Bobbett stated the draft arts budget was prepared by staff and reflected expenditures for programming, events, marketing, and staffing.

Commissioner Haldeman suggested adding \$35,000 to the draft arts budget for a publicist. He stated an additional \$500 was needed for the Art in Business program for community outreach and marketing.

In response to Commissioner Haldeman, Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo stated the annual website domain fee was included in the budget.

In response to Chair Cherin, Community Services Director Bobbett stated costs for a community survey were included in the draft arts budget.

In response to Commissioner Haldeman, Community Services Director Bobbett recommended the Commission research costs for an Arts Center consultant and request the City Council approve funding once the research was completed.

Commissioner Lawrence stated a concept design would be required before the Commission could move forward with the Arts Center.

Commissioner Haldeman indicated agreement with Commissioner Lawrence.

In response to Chair Cherin, Community Services Director Bobbett stated he would include the costs for an Arts Center consultant requested by the Commission in the budget, but he needed detailed information regarding the request.

Chair Cherin suggested adding \$15,000 to the draft arts budget for research and development of an Arts Center.

B. Malibu Performing Arts Center

Recommended Action: Discuss ideas for a performing arts center in Malibu.

Community Services Director Bobbett presented the staff report.

John Johannessen provided a brief background about himself and his mission to help create a concept design for an arts center. He stated he worked with Ed Niles to develop the idea and a conceptual model.

Commissioner Lawrence stated he was interested in seeing the model and providing revisions to fit the community's needs for an arts center.

Commissioner Haldeman indicated agreement with Commissioner Lawrence.

Mr. Johannessen suggested adding a theater with a multi-purpose space as part of the proposed arts center. He stated Malibu City Hall does not have a space that allowed guests to dine-in the same room as the theater.

Chair Cherin requested Mr. Johannessen and the Commission to provide a list of arts center community survey questions to staff.

C. Malibu Mermaid Sculpture Donation

Recommended Action: At the request of Commissioner Lawrence, review the proposed donation of the *Malibu Mermaid* sculpture.

Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo presented the staff report.

In response to Commissioner Haldeman, Commissioner Lawrence stated it would cost \$6,000 to bronze the sculpture and there would be an additional cost for the base. He stated he wanted to incorporate a story, meaning, and experience with the *Malibu Mermaid* sculpture.

Vice Chair Holland stated she was in favor of accepting the sculpture donation.

Commissioner Haldeman stated he wanted to know the engineering cost before accepting the donation. He stated the Commission should consider other sculpture donations before accepting the *Malibu Mermaid* sculpture.

Commissioner Lawrence recused himself from the discussion.

At 10:39 a.m., Commissioner Lawrence left the meeting.

Ex-Officio Clifford stated the sculpture should be displayed in a sculpture garden. He indicated support for the City paying for the installation and the artist paying for the bronzing. He stated accepting the sculpture was a conflict of interest because it was created by a Commissioner's wife, would be permanently installed, and had no backstory or meaning to Malibu.

Commissioner Haldeman indicated agreement with Ex-Officio Clifford.

Chair Cherin stated she was not in favor of accepting the sculpture donation.

CONSENSUS By Consensus, the Commission decided not to move forward with the proposed donation of the *Malibu Mermaid* sculpture.

D. City Hall Art Exhibitions

Recommended Action: At the request of Chair Cherin, discuss the proposed Hollywood-themed City Hall Art Exhibition with featured artist Alexander Golitsyn for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

In response to Ex-Officio Clifford, Chair Cherin provided background information on Alexander Golitsyn and his work as a production designer.

Ex-Officio Clifford stated he preferred curating a Hollywood-themed exhibition with multiple artists, including Mr. Golitsyn's artwork.

Vice Chair Holland indicated agreement with Ex-Officio Clifford.

Commissioner Haldeman suggested incorporating movie stills into the exhibition.

Vice Chair Holland suggested working with the Malibu Film Society for the Hollywood-themed exhibition.

Ex-Officio Clifford indicated agreement with Vice Chair Holland. He stated the annual theme could highlight various movie aspects including feature production designs, and he offered his assistance with the exhibition.

CONSENSUS By Consensus, the Commission agreed to curate a Hollywood-themed art exhibition, incorporating artwork by Alexander Golitsyn.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 6 STAFF UPDATES

Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo provided an update on upcoming art events.

ITEM 7 COMMISSIONER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES

Commissioner Haldeman stated the Malibu Film Society did not have a facility to host events in Malibu and had to coordinate events outside of Malibu. He requested Commission support for the Malibu Film Society to host film screenings in Malibu.

Chair Cherin and Ex-Officio Clifford indicated agreement with Commissioner Haldeman.

Ex-Officio Clifford stated he could not attend the April 26, 2022 Regular meeting.

At 11:01 a.m., Vice Chair Holland and Ex-Officio Clifford left the meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Malibu Performing Arts Center
Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Commission Work Plan
Malibu Film Society Endorsement

ADJOURNMENT

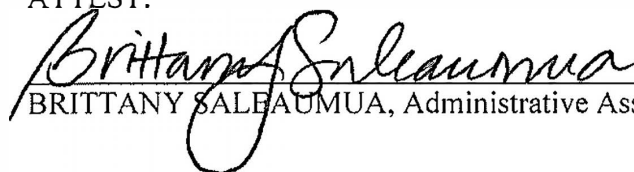
At 11:10 a.m., the meeting adjourned due to a lack of a quorum.

Approved and adopted by the Malibu Arts
Commission of the City of Malibu on May 24,
2022.



LOTTE CHERIN, Chair

ATTEST:



BRITTANY SALEAUMUA, Administrative Assistant