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

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Cherin 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 Lotte Cherin; Commissioners Maureen Haldeman, Pamela Conley Ulich, and Dennis Smith

ABSENT: Chair Peter Jones

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Administrative Assistant Saleaumua reported that the meeting agenda was properly posted on March 20, 2026.

ITEM 1. CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

None.

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

Kerry Knuppe proposed a stage reading of her comedy-thriller, "Morning View Drive." She stated that she had organized a reading in West Hollywood and wanted to organize a reading in Malibu.

Adam Harrison stated he was a painter and created multiple paintings of Corral Canyon. He stated his painting titled "Smoke to Stickers" had been exhibited at the Frieze Art Fair in 2025, and he would be interested in exhibiting it at the Malibu City Gallery.

ITEM 2.B. COMMISSION AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Arts in Education

   Community Services Director Riesgo stated student poetry workshops had concluded, and staff were working on the annual student poetry and art anthology. She stated that the annual Poetry Summit would be held on May 16, 2026.

2. Malibu Public Art Exhibitions

   Commissioner Haldeman stated the art exhibition featuring Gay Summer Rick was on display.

3. Business and Community Outreach

   Commissioner Conley Ulich stated the Malibu Art Association contacted her to request promotional assistance for Legacy Park Art Walk events. She stated the Art Walk events were on the third Sunday of June, July, August, and September.

4. Social Media

   No update.

5. Community Resilience Project

   Community Services Director Riesgo stated Hunter Blaze Pearson was commissioned to create a community mural to commemorate the 35th anniversary of the City and the 25th anniversary of Chumash Day.

ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Commissioner Conley Ulich moved, and Vice Chair Cherin seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion carried 4-1; Chair Jones absent.

A. Previously Discussed Items

None.

B. New Items

1. Approval of Minutes
   Staff Recommendation: Approve the minutes for the January 27, 2026 Malibu Arts Commission Regular meeting and the February 24, 2026 Malibu Arts Commission Regular meeting.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

A. Malibu Arts Commission Rules of Procedure and Decorum
Recommended Action: Adopt Malibu Arts Commission Resolution No. 26-01 Rules of Procedure and Decorum amending Section 1.1.B. Election of Officers.

Community Services Director Riesgo presented the staff report.

Commissioner Conley Ulich proposed revising the Election of Officers to occur every 9 months and to coincide with the rotation of each Councilmember. She stated that officers should rotate regularly so Commissioners could serve as Chair and Vice Chair.

Commissioner Smith indicated agreement with Commissioner Conley Ulich.

CONSENSUS By Consensus, the Commission agreed to table Item 4.A. until the April 28, 2026, Regular meeting to further discuss the election of officers.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

A. Storm Drain Artwork Project
Recommended Action: Review the Storm Drain Artwork Project and determine the artwork selection process.

Community Services Director Riesgo presented the staff report.

Vice Chair Cherin proposed to select the artist at a Commission meeting.

Commissioners Haldeman and Smith indicated agreement.

In response to Commissioner Conley Ulich, Community Services Director Riesgo stated that the Art Utility Boxes project was not in the Fiscal Year 2025-26 budget.

MOTION Commissioner Conley Ulich moved, and Vice Chair Cherin seconded a motion to approve the artist for the Storm Drain Artwork Project at a Regular Commission meeting. The motion carried 4-0; Chair Jones absent.

ITEM 6 STAFF UPDATES

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

Vice Chair Cherin and Commissioner Conley Ulich confirmed they would attend Chumash Day.

ITEM 7 COMMISSIONER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES

Commissioner Conley Ulich recommended two art exhibitions themed generational family artists and suggested reaching out to the Brosnan and the Bates families.

Commissioner Smith stated he was in favor of rotating the Chair and Vice Chair every nine months.

Vice Chair Cherin stated that Commissioners should choose if they want to serve as Chair and Vice Chair.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Art Utility Boxes

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:19 a.m., Vice Chair Cherin adjourned the meeting.

Approved and adopted by the Malibu Arts Commission of the City of Malibu on May 26, 2026.

PETER JONES, Chair

ATTEST:

BRITTANY SALEAUMUA, Management Analyst