MINUTES
MALIBU ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
APRIL 28, 2026
CITY HALL, MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
9:30 A.M.

MEETING CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jones called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT: Chair Peter Jones, Vice Chair Lotte Cherin (arrived at 9:35 a.m.), and Commissioners Pamela Conley Ulich, Maureen Haldeman, and Dennis Smith

ALSO PRESENT: Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Director and Brittany Saleaumua, Management Analyst

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Commissioner Conley Ulich moved, and Commissioner Smith seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0; Vice Chair Cherin absent (arrived at 9:35 a.m.).

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Administrative Assistant Saleaumua reported the meeting agenda was properly posted on April 23, 2026.

ITEM 1. CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

None.

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

Adam Harrison stated he created artwork in response to the Pacific Palisades fire and would be interested in auctioning it then donating the proceeds to the fire department.

Commissioner Conley Ulich suggested he contact Los Angeles County Fire to discuss their donation process.

In response to Chair Jones, Mr. Harrison stated he wanted to display the artwork at the Malibu Library.

Vice Chair Cherin arrived at 9:35 a.m.

ITEM 2.B. COMMISSION AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Arts in Education

   Community Services Director Riesgo stated that the school poetry workshops concluded, and staff were working on the annual student poetry anthology.

2. Malibu Public Art Exhibitions

   Commissioner Haldeman stated she contacted potential artists to show at the Malibu City Gallery in Fiscal Year 2026-27 and was looking forward to Jacqueline Blue and JoAnne Unger's exhibition.

   Community Services Director Riesgo stated Gay Summer Rick's exhibition would be displayed until May 1. She stated the Call for Artists for the Surf and Skate exhibition would open in May.

3. Business and Community Outreach

   Commissioner Conley Ulich stated that the Chumash Day mural was amazing, and she wanted to explore opportunities to showcase it.

4. Social Media

   Commissioner Conley Ulich stated that she would send staff videos and photos to post on social media.

   Commissioner Haldeman stated she shared information on Gay Summer Rick's exhibition on her personal social media accounts.

5. Community Resilience Project

   Commissioner Conley Ulich stated the Ad Hoc Committee would start planning the Legacy Park Art Walk.

ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR

None.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

A. Malibu Arts Commission Rules of Procedure and Decorum
Recommended Action: 1) Review Malibu Arts Commission Resolution No. 26-01 Rules of Procedure and Decorum; and 2) Approve revisions to Section 1.1.B. Election of Officers.

Community Services Director Riesgo presented the staff report.

Vice Chair Cherin stated she preferred annual elections with the full Commission in attendance.

Commissioner Conley Ulich stated she preferred the Election of Officers to coincide with the City Council rotation of Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. The Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem's appointees would serve as Chair and Vice Chair.

Vice Chair Cherin indicated disagreement.

MOTION Commissioner Conley Ulich moved to rotate the Election of Officers to coincide with the City Council rotation for Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. Commission elections would occur the full Commission in attendance.

The motion died on the floor due to lack of a second.

MOTION Commissioner Conley Ulich moved, and Chair Jones seconded a motion to rotate the Election of Officers to coincide with the City Council rotation for Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem. Elections would occur with at least four Commission members in attendance. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT
Commissioner Conley Ulich amended the motion to state that if the appointed Commissioners of the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem did not want to serve as Chair and Vice Chair, then the Commission would hold elections. The question was called, and the amended motion carried 3-2; Vice Chair Cherin and Commissioner Haldeman opposed.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

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

Community Services Director Riesgo presented the staff report.

Community Services Director suggested modifying the Malibu Public Art Exhibitions Ad Hoc to the Malibu City Gallery Fiscal Year 2025-26 Ad Hoc and to dissolve the Arts in Education Ad Hoc, since staff provide regular updates on this item.

Commissioner Conley Ulich suggested creating a July 4th Commemorative Event Ad Hoc which focused on art opportunities for United States 250th Anniversary. She stated art events would be at Malibu Elementary School in connection with the annual Point Dume Parade.

The Commission indicated agreement.

Commissioner Conley Ulich stated she wanted to modify the Business and Community Outreach Ad Hoc to the Pilot Project for Business and Community Outreach Merchandising Opportunities Ad Hoc. She stated the Social Media Ad Hoc could be modified to the Social Media Awareness Fiscal Year 2025-26 Ad Hoc.

Community Services Director Riesgo requested the Commission to make appointments to each Ad Hoc Committee.

The Commission appointed Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Haldeman to the Malibu City Gallery Fiscal Year 2025-26 Ad Hoc, Vice Chair Cherin and Commissioner Conley Ulich were appointed to the Art for local July 4th Commemorative Events for the 250th Anniversary Ad Hoc, Vice Chair Cherin and Commissioner Conley Ulich were appointed to the Pilot Project for Business and Community Outreach Merchandising Opportunities, Chair Jones and Commissioner Conley Ulich were appointed to the Community Resiliency Project Ad Hoc, and Commissioner Conley Ulich and Commissioner Haldeman were appointed to Social Media Awareness Fiscal Year 2025-26.

MOTION Chair Jones moved, and Commissioner Conley Ulich seconded a motion to 1) affirmed the Community Resilience Project Ad Hoc; 2) modified the Malibu Public Art Exhibitions Ad Hoc to the Malibu City Gallery Fiscal Year 2025-26 Ad Hoc; 3) dissolve the Arts in Education Ad Hoc; 4) create the Art for local July 4th Commemorative Events for 250th Anniversary Ad Hoc; 5) modified the Business and Community Outreach Ad Hoc to the Pilot Project for Business and Community Outreach Merchandising Opportunities Ad Hoc; 6) modified the Social Media Ad Hoc to the Social Media Awareness Fiscal Year 2025-26 Ad Hoc; 7) appointed Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Haldeman to the Malibu City Gallery Fiscal Year 2025-26 Ad Hoc; 8) appointed Vice Chair Cherin and Commissioner Conley Ulich to the Art for local July 4th Commemorative Events for the 250th Anniversary Ad Hoc; 9) appointed Vice Chair Cherin and Commissioner Conley Ulich to the Pilot Project for Business and Community Outreach Merchandising Opportunities; 10) appointed Chair Jones and Commissioner Conley Ulich to the Community Resiliency Project Ad Hoc; and 11) appointed Commissioner Conley Ulich and Commissioner Haldeman to Social Media Awareness Fiscal Year 2025-26. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 6 STAFF UPDATES

Community Services Director Riesgo provided an update on poetry programs, Storm Drain Artwork Project, Malibu Arts Association partnership, and the "Morning View Drive" staged reading event.

ITEM 7 COMMISSIONER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES

Chair Jones proposed the Commission create a book on Malibu Cats and Malibu Dogs, which would include a Call for Artists.

CONSENSUS By Consensus, the Commission agreed to agendize the proposal to create a book on Malibu Cats and Malibu Dogs.

Commissioner Conley Ulich proposed an event to provide film screenings of the documentaries created in response to the fires.

CONSENSUS By Consensus, the Commission agreed to agendize a proposal to discuss coordinating a film screening event to show the fire documentary films.

Commissioner Smith stated he would be absent from the Malibu Arts Commission Regular meetings in May and June.

Commissioner Conley Ulich stated she would be absent from the Malibu Arts Commission Regular meeting in June.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Malibu Cats and Dogs Book Proposal
Documentary Film Screenings Proposal

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:50 a.m., Chair Jones adjourned the meeting.

Approved and adopted by the Malibu Arts Commission of the City of Malibu on August 25, 2026.

PETER JONES, Chair

ATTEST:

BRITTANY SALEAUMUA, Management Analyst