

MINUTES  
MALIBU ARTS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
JUNE 27, 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 9:05 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 (arrived at 9:09 a.m.)

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Cherin 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 Commissioner Haldeman 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 the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on June 22, 2023.

Ex-Officio Clifford joined the meeting at 9:09 a.m.

**ITEM 1 CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS**

A. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Chair Cherin opened the floor for Chair nominations.

Commissioner Holland nominated Vice Chair Lawrence for Chair.

Chair Cherin closed the nominations for Chair.

MOTION The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously. Vice Chair Lawrence was elected to serve as Chair.

Commissioner Haldeman thanked Commissioner Cherin for serving as Chair.

Chair Lawrence opened the floor for Vice Chair nominations.

Ex-Officio Clifford suggested Commissioner Holland for Vice Chair.

Chair Cherin nominated Commissioner Holland for Vice Chair.

Chair Lawrence closed the floor for Vice Chair nominations.

MOTION The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Holland was elected to serve as Vice Chair.

Ex-Officio Clifford stated he wanted to discuss opening the gallery on the weekends.

Commissioner Jones recommended installing a gallery door, which would give direct access to the Malibu City Gallery.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Community Services Director Riesgo stated Commissioners could provide updates during Item No. 7 and requested the Commission to follow the order of the agenda.

Ex-Officio Clifford stated he needed to leave the meeting and wanted to provide comments.

**ITEM 2.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

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

1. Arts in Education

Community Services Director Riesgo stated the Malibu Poet Laureate Committee was in contact with Malibu teachers to schedule poetry workshops during the 2023-2024 school year.

2. Malibu Public Art Exhibitions

Commissioner Holland stated the Jane Seymour art exhibition was extended to June 30, 2023 and thanked the Commission for attending the reception. She stated the Question-and-Answer Session with Jane Seymour was recorded, and she would provide staff with a copy of the recording. She stated the Commission would host the opening reception of the art exhibition *Shifting Tides* on July 16. She stated the ad hoc met with photographer Eric Myer to discuss his Woolsey Fire art exhibition. She stated the artwork would not fit in the gallery space.

Chair Lawrence stated he spoke with Associate Dean Alice Meyering from the Santa Monica College Malibu campus to coordinate an Art Talks program that would include discussions with local and well-known artists.

Commissioner Haldeman recommended a public display of the *Open Hearts* sculpture by Jane Seymour.

In response to Ex-Officio Clifford, Community Services Director stated the Question-and-Answer session with Jane Seymour would be on the Malibu Arts Commission website.

Ex-Officio Clifford left the meeting at 9:25 a.m.

3. Social Media

Chair Lawrence stated social media posts have been continuous and requested staff to post the Question-and-Answer session with Jane Seymour.

4. Solstice Canyon Creek Beautification Project

Chair Lawrence stated CalTrans was working on the Artist Agreement with the state legal team.

5. Business and Community Outreach

Commissioner Haldeman stated the Chamber of Commerce arts meetings had low attendance.

Commissioner Haldeman left the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

**ITEM 3      CONSENT CALENDAR**

MOTION      Commissioner Jones, and Vice Chair Holland seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0; Commissioner Haldeman absent.

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 May 23, 2023 Malibu Arts Commission Regular meeting.

Commissioner Haldeman rejoined the meeting at 9:43 a.m.

**ITEM 4      OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**ITEM 5      NEW BUSINESS**

- A.      Malibu City Gallery Exhibition Schedule  
Recommended Action: Review and approve the Malibu Public Art Exhibitions Ad Hoc Committee's recommended Art Exhibitions at the Malibu City Gallery for Fiscal Year 2023-2024.

Community Services Director Riesgo presented the staff report.

In response to Commissioner Cherin, Chair Lawrence stated Mr. Van Dyke's family and the Ad Hoc Committee would curate the Dick Van Dyke exhibition.

In response to Commissioner Haldeman, Chair Lawrence stated the artwork would include various moments of Mr. Van Dyke's life and work.

Commissioner Jones stated artist Leigh McCloskey was an excellent choice and commended the Ad Hoc Committee.

Commissioner Cherin stated the Commission should provide artist recommendations. She stated she wanted to feature prominent Malibu artists and utilize a curator for the exhibitions.

In response to Commissioner Cherin, Chair Lawrence stated the Commission could provide artist recommendations to the Ad Hoc Committee. He stated the

Commission could offer suggestions for solo or multi-artist exhibitions. He stated the time between exhibitions was limited, and the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 art exhibition list would need to be determined as soon as possible.

Commissioner Cherin left the meeting at 9:54 a.m.

MOTION Commissioner Holland moved, and Commissioner Jones seconded a motion to approve the multi-artist student art exhibition, multi-artist surf-culture exhibition, a solo-artist exhibition of Dick Van Dyke, and a solo-artist exhibition of Leigh McCloskey's work. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0; Commissioner Cherin absent.

B. Art Loan Agreement with Anna Kelly

Recommended Action: 1) Determine whether to extend the loan agreement with Artist Anna Kelly for her painting *Saving Malibu*, and 2) Provide a recommendation to the City Council regarding the donation.

Community Services Director Riesgo presented the staff report.

Commissioner Cherin rejoined the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Commissioner Jones stated he was satisfied with the one-year loan agreement and recommended not to extend the agreement. He stated the standard term for an art loan agreement should be one year.

Commissioner Haldeman indicated disagreement with Commissioner Jones and recommended extending the agreement.

Commissioner Jones stated a one-year loan agreement would allow the Commission to consider an annual art rotation. He stated the Commission should adopt an art loan or donation policy.

Chair Lawrence and Commissioner Cherin indicated agreement with Commissioner Jones.

Vice Chair Holland suggested adding art hanging hardware in the hallways and multipurpose room at City Hall.

Commissioner Haldeman indicated agreement with Vice Chair Holland.

In response to Chair Lawrence, Community Services Director Riesgo stated artwork could be installed in one additional location in the multipurpose room. She stated the Commission should decide to replace the artwork or extend the current agreement with Ms. Kelly.

Chair Lawrence requested to add a future agenda item on the art donation policy and additional art hanging hardware at City Hall.

**MOTION** Commissioner Haldeman moved to extend the agreement with Anna Kelly for six months.

Chair Lawrence suggested the Commission select an art piece from the *Shifting Tides* exhibition to replace Ms. Kelly's artwork.

**POINT OF ORDER**

Administrative Assistant Saleaumua reminded the Commission that a motion was on the table and would need a second or friendly amendment if the Commission wanted to change the length of the agreement extension.

**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT**

Chair Lawrence amended the motion to extend the art loan agreement with Anna Kelly to August 25, 2023. Commissioner Haldeman accepted the amendment.

Commissioner Cherin seconded the motion. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

**ITEM 6 STAFF UPDATES**

Community Services Director provided an update on Poet Laureate Recruitment, Community Poetry Anthology, upcoming poetry workshop, and Malibu Arts Association art shows at Legacy Park.

Commissioner Cherin stated she had served on the Committee that selected the 2023-2025 Poet Laureate, which would be presented to the Commission at the July 25, 2023 Regular meeting.

Chair Lawrence encouraged the Commission to attend the Malibu Arts Association art walk events.

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

In response to Commissioner Haldeman, Community Services Director Riesgo stated Council would review the revised Temporary Use Permits (TUP) for arts events in September 2023.

In response to Commissioner Jones, Community Services Director Riesgo stated a TUP was required for poetry events at Legacy Park because poets used amplified sound.

Commissioner Cherin stated City Council approved the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Commission work plan.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Crosswalk Art  
Creative Directory  
Art Donation Policy Guidelines  
Art in Public Places  
Artist in Residency Program  
Arts Commission Branding  
Musical Exhibitions  
Fiscal Year 2023-24 Art Exhibitions

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION** At 10:38 a.m., Chair Lawrence moved, and Commissioner Jones 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 July 25,  
2023.



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FIREBALL LAWRENCE, Chair

ATTEST:



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BRITTANY SALEAUMUA, Administrative Assistant