

MINUTES  
MALIBU ARTS COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 23, 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 Fireball Lawrence; Commissioners Barry Haldeman, Peter Jones; and Ex-Officio Clifford

ABSENT: Commissioner Julia Holland

ALSO PRESENT: Jesse Bobbett, Community Services Director; Kristin Riesgo, Community Services Deputy 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**

Chair Cherin suggested moving Item No. 2.B. after Item No. 4.C. to ensure all items on the agenda could be heard.

Vice Chair Lawrence requested Item No. 5.A. be moved to after Item No. 2.A.

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

## REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Administrative Assistant Saleaumua reported the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on August 18, 2022.

### ITEM 1 CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

None.

### ITEM 2.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

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 City Hall Art Exhibitions for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Commissioner Lawrence presented the City Hall Art Exhibition schedule for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 with the amendment of including Heather Edwards as a single artist.

In response to Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Lawrence stated there would not be a break in the exhibition schedule provided artist Heather Edwards delivered her artwork on time.

Ex-Officio Clifford stated he would forward artist information to Vice Chair Lawrence for future consideration in an exhibition. He requested information regarding artwork medium be listed on gallery labels.

Commissioner Haldeman inquired about utilizing quick response (QR) codes on gallery labels to direct visitors to the artist's website.

In response to Commissioner Haldeman, Vice Chair Lawrence stated Ms. Edward's artwork was inspired by Disney.

In response to Commissioner Haldeman and Chair Cherin, Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo stated she was working with Vice Chair Lawrence to design signage in three areas directing guests to the Malibu City Gallery.

In response to Commissioner Haldeman, Vice Chair Lawrence stated the exhibition schedule for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 would feature single and multi-artist exhibitions as well as a student artist exhibition. He stated Ms. Edwards would be

a single artist exhibition and he would provide staff a link to Ms. Edwards' artwork to forward to the Commission.

MOTION Chair Cherin moved, and Commissioner Jones seconded a motion to approve the amended exhibition schedule as discussed. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0; Commissioner Holland absent.

### ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Haldeman pulled Item No. 3.B.1.

MOTION Chair Cherin moved, and Commissioner Haldeman seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar; except for Item No. 3.B.1. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0; Commissioner Holland 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 24, 2022 Malibu Arts Commission Regular meeting and the July 26, 2022 Malibu Arts Commission Regular meeting.

The following item was pulled from the Consent Calendar for individual consideration:

- B. New Items
  - 1. Approval of Minutes  
Recommended Action: Approve the minutes for the May 24, 2022 Malibu Arts Commission Regular meeting and the July 26, 2022 Malibu Arts Commission Regular meeting.

Commissioner Haldeman stated the July 26, 2022 Malibu Arts Commission Regular meeting minutes should reflect the \$30,000 budget available for storage of the artwork and administrative costs in addition to the \$225,000 project budget for the Solstice Canyon Creek Beautification Project.

CONSENSUS By Consensus, the Commission postponed further discussion regarding revisions to the minutes to the end of the meeting.

### ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

- A. Solstice Canyon Creek Beautification Project  
Recommended Action: 1) Review the Solstice Canyon Creek Beautification Project; and 2) Provide direction to staff.

Community Services Director Bobbett presented the staff report.

Chair Cherin stated she had spoken with Caltrans representative Hammer Sui and the Commission was not required to have an artist finalized by October 31, 2022. She stated the Commission could select an artist after October 31, 2022, and suggested releasing a Call for Artists.

Vice Chair Lawrence stated the project was large and could be overwhelming to review. He suggested creating an ad hoc committee to oversee the Call for Artists.

Commissioner Haldeman indicated agreement with Vice Chair Lawrence and stated the Call for Artists should include language stating "Malibu artists were preferred but not required." He stated the temporary artwork display location would depend on the medium.

Ex-Officio Clifford stated the Commission was not required to have an open Call for Artists and suggested each Commissioner recommend one artist for consideration.

Commissioner Jones indicated opposition to Ex-Officio Clifford providing feedback due to his non-voting status and suggested consulting with Caltrans regarding which materials could tolerate salt due to its corrosive nature.

Chair Cherin stated her preference was to release a Call for Artists aimed at local beach cities and giving preference to Malibu artists.

Commissioner Jones suggested each Commissioner recommend three local artists. He stated if a commissioner could not recommend three artists, the remaining slots could be distributed amongst other Commissioners.

Commissioner Haldeman stated he would prefer a Call for Artists limited to California artists since the Solstice Canyon Creek Beautification project was a state project.

In response to Chair Cherin, Vice Chair Lawrence stated an outside jury was not required to select an artist from an open Call for Artists. He stated he understood Chair Cherin's concerns, but felt it was the Commission's job to select the right candidate and process. He stated the ideal artwork medium for the project would be tile or street art.

Chair Cherin suggested Vice Chair Lawrence and Commissioner Jones serve on the ad hoc committee to review submissions for the Solstice Canyon Creek Beautification Project.

Vice Chair Lawrence and Commissioner Jones agreed to join the ad hoc committee.

Chair Cherin proposed a Call for Artists with priority given to California artists local to the Malibu area.

In response to Chair Cherin, Community Services Director Bobbett stated the artwork must be completed by June 2023.

In response to Vice Chair Lawrence, Caltrans representative Vathana Chy stated a portion of the artwork could be stored during the bridge construction.

In response to Ex-Officio Clifford, Mr. Chy stated the art component of the project would help create environmental awareness, but he was unsure if the bridge restoration would help restore movement for steelhead trout. He stated the tunnel reconstruction was due to recent structural tests showing signs of internal deterioration.

In response to Commissioner Haldeman, Ex-Officio Clifford stated visitors would have access from the mountainside of the tunnel.

**MOTION** Chair Cherin moved, and Commissioner Haldeman seconded a motion to create the Solstice Canyon Creek Beautification Project ad hoc consisting of Vice Chair Lawrence and Commissioner Jones and create a Call for Artists open to California artists with a preference for Malibu artists. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0; Commissioner Holland absent.

**B. Malibu Arts Center**

Recommended Action: Discuss ideas for an arts center in Malibu.

Commissioner Jones proposed hiring Maya Lin to recommend improvements to the City Hall Theater and design an exterior entrance to the Malibu City Gallery for visitors to view the artwork on weekends.

Commissioner Haldeman stated input from the community collected through a community survey would be best before deciding where an arts center could be constructed.

In response to Chair Cherin, Community Services Director Bobbett recommended each Commissioner discuss their thoughts regarding an arts center with their respective Councilmember to determine what kind of support there is at the Council level regarding a community input process for an arts center. He also stated the Commission could request additional funding from City Council to hire consultants during the Mid-Year Budget Review in January 2023.

**C. Malibu Arts Budget**

Recommended Action: Receive and file a report regarding the Adopted Malibu Arts Budget for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

Community Services Director Bobbett presented the staff report.

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

1. Arts in Education

Chair Cherin stated Summer Jubilations occurred at Malibu Bluffs Park on August 10, 2022 and had an excellent turnout.

2. Malibu Public Art Exhibitions

No updates.

3. Business and Community Outreach

Commissioner Haldeman stated the Chamber of Commerce was moving forward with the Art in Business program.

4. Social Media

Commissioner Lawrence stated Facebook posts on the Malibu Arts Commission page should be arts-related and consistent.

**ITEM 6 STAFF UPDATES**

No updates.

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

Commissioner Jones stated his poem was read at Summer Jubilations on August 10, 2022, and a piece of his artwork would be on display at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

Vice Chair Lawrence stated he was working on coloring books for Hilton Hotels and Pasadena Arts Center College of Design Car Classic 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION At 10:55 a.m., Chair Cherin moved, and Commissioner Jones seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0, Commissioner Holland absent.


Approved and adopted by the Malibu Arts Commission of the City of Malibu on September 27, 2022.



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LOTTE CHERIN, Chair

ATTEST:



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BRITTANY SALEAUMUA, Administrative Assistant