

MINUTES
MALIBU ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
AUGUST 24, 2021
TELECONFERENCED – VARIOUS LOCATIONS
9:00 A.M.

The following meeting was held pursuant to the Governor’s Executive Order N-08-21 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 Julia Holland; Commissioners Barry Haldeman, Peter Jones, and Fireball Lawrence

ABSENT: Ex-Officio Graeme Clifford

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Holland led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Chair Cherin moved, and Vice Chair Holland 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 August 19, 2021.

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 Ann Buxie was approved as the 2021-2023 Poet Laureate by the City Council at the August 23, 2021 Regular meeting. She stated the Poet Laureate Committee would contact Malibu schools to schedule poetry workshops.

In response to Commissioner Haldeman, Chair Cherin stated Ann Buxie would attend the September 28, 2021 Regular meeting.

2. Malibu Public Art Exhibitions

Vice Chair Holland stated the call to artists for the An Eye to the Future art exhibition closed on August 25, 2021.

In response to Commissioner Lawrence, Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo stated the call for artists resulted in 21 artists who submitted over 57 pieces of artwork for consideration.

In response to Commissioner Haldeman, Vice Chair Holland stated staff emailed artists from previous City art exhibitions and the call for artists was posted on social media.

Commissioner Lawrence stated he forwarded the art exhibition information to his personal contacts and advertised it on his personal social media accounts.

3. Business and Community Outreach

Commissioner Haldeman stated he would present the Art in Businesses proposal to the Malibu Chamber of Commerce on August 25, 2021.

4. Social Media

Commissioner Lawrence stated he would meet with staff to discuss the Malibu Arts Commission Facebook page.

ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Chair Cherin moved, and Commissioner Haldeman seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

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 July 27, 2021 Malibu Arts Commission Regular Meeting.

ITEM 4 OLD BUSINESS

None.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

- A. City Hall Art Exhibitions
Recommended Action: Review and approve the Malibu Public Art Exhibitions Ad Hoc Committee's recommended City Hall Art Exhibitions for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo presented the report.

In response to Chair Cherin, Commissioner Lawrence stated the art exhibitions were conceptual, and he wanted feedback and recommendations from the Commission.

Commissioner Haldeman suggested shortening the length of the proposed exhibition schedule and adding a photography exhibition with multiple artists.

Commissioner Jones stated the exhibitions needed an audience beyond the opening reception.

Commissioner Lawrence stated the recommended artists for the art exhibitions had a social media following and would promote the exhibition on their websites.

In response to Vice Chair Holland, Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo stated each exhibition had a budget of approximately \$800.

In response to Chair Cherin, Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo stated staffing costs were calculated separately from the art exhibition budget.

Commissioner Haldeman recommended highlighting artists through exhibitions, not only during the opening reception.

Commissioner Jones stated it was important to have as many attendees as possible for exhibitions and City Hall could host two exhibitions with different artwork upstairs and downstairs to attract more visitors.

Commissioner Haldeman recommended approving the An Eye to the Future art exhibition and requested an item be brought back for the Commission to review the remaining recommended art exhibitions at the September 28, 2021 Regular meeting.

At 10:11 a.m., Commissioner Lawrence left the meeting.

MOTION Commissioner Haldeman moved, and Chair Cherin seconded a motion to approve An Eye to the Future art exhibition and review the remaining exhibitions for Fiscal Year 2021-2022. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0, Commissioner Lawrence absent.

B. *Ulysses* Centennial Anniversary

Recommended Action: At the request of Commissioner Jones, discuss options for commemorating the centennial anniversary of the novel *Ulysses*, written by James Joyce.

Commissioner Jones stated Luke Pontifell wanted to have readings from *Ulysses* in Malibu by known artists. He stated the event details were not finalized but wanted Commission approval to continue working with Mr. Pontifell.

MOTION Chair Cherin moved, and Commissioner Haldeman seconded a motion to authorize Commissioner Jones to continue working with Mr. Pontifell and schedule readings of *Ulysses*. The question was called, and the motion carried 4-0, Commissioner Lawrence absent.

ITEM 6 STAFF UPDATES

Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo provided an update regarding Poet Laureate Programs and the Malibu Arts Association Art Show at Legacy Park.

ITEM 7 COMMISSIONER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES

Vice Chair Holland requested suggestions from the Commission regarding performance facilities for her non-profit organization.

Commissioner Haldeman stated the Malibu Film Society did not have a facility for film screenings due to renovations currently taking place at the Malibu Jewish Center Synagogue.

Commissioner Jones stated his exhibition “Jungle Stories” with KMR Arts opened on August 21, 2021, and he would send staff the exhibition information.

Chair Cherin requested an update on the arts program budget and the possibility of utilizing interns to assist with arts events and programming.

At 11:00 a.m., Vice Chair Holland left the meeting.

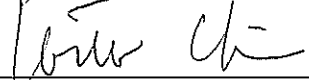
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

City Hall Art Exhibitions
Cenntennial Anniversary of James Joyce’s *Ulysses*
Woolsey Fire Artwork Donation

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION At 11:01 a.m., Commissioner Jones moved, and Commissioner Haldeman seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The question was called, and the motion carried 3-0; Vice Chair Holland and Commissioner Lawrence absent.

Approved and adopted by the Malibu Arts
Commission of the City of Malibu on September
28, 2021



LOTTE CHERIN, Chair

ATTEST:



BRITTANY SALEAUMUA, Administrative Assistant