

MINUTES
MALIBU ARTS COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 10, 2022
TELECONFERENCED – VARIOUS LOCATIONS
4:30 p.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 4:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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

PRESENT: Chair Lotte Cherin; Commissioners Barry Haldeman (arrived at 5:32 p.m.), Peter Jones, Fireball Lawrence, and Ex-Officio Graeme Clifford

ABSENT: Vice Chair Julia Holland

ALSO PRESENT: Jesse Bobbett, Community Services Director; and Kate Gallo, Recreation Manager

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 Commissioner Jones moved, and Commissioner Lawrence seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called, and the motion carried 3-0; Vice Chair Holland and Commissioner Haldeman absent.

REPORT ON POSTING OF AGENDA

Recreation Manager Gallo reported the agenda for the meeting was properly posted on March 9, 2022.

ITEM 1 OLD BUSINESS

A. Malibu Performing Arts Center

Recommended Action: Discuss ideas for a performing arts center in Malibu.

Chair Cherin stated she reviewed the Commissioner's performing arts center vision statements and found many commonalities.

In response to Chair Cherin, Ex-Officio Clifford stated the Ioki property would be the best location for a performing arts center.

Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Lawrence indicated agreement with Ex-Officio Clifford.

Commissioner Lawrence stated if an outdoor venue was built, it should face Pacific Coast Highway to mitigate potential sound issues.

Ex-Officio Clifford stated the Commission should consider time restrictions to mitigate potential sound issues related to any outdoor venue.

Commissioner Lawrence requested Commissioners create a list of experiences they want included with a performing arts center to determine the appropriate size of a facility.

Ex-Officio Clifford indicated agreement with Commissioner Lawrence.

In response to Ex-Officio Clifford, Community Services Director Bobbett stated funding may be available through donations and grants, but staff would need to review specific grant opportunities as they arise to determine eligibility.

John Johannessen stated he knew potential donors who would contribute to the Malibu Performing Arts Center. He stated there was enough space on the Ioki property for a large performing arts center to accommodate 250-500 people. He suggested reviewing the previously proposed Sycamore Village project on the Ioki property for inspiration.

Chair Cherin recapped Mr. Johannessen's suggestion and stated she would forward Mr. Johannesen's email to staff for Commissioners to schedule a time to view a model of the Sycamore Village project.

In response to Ex-Officio Clifford, Commissioner Lawrence stated the focus of the meeting was to review the commonalities between the vision statements submitted and identify the experiences to be included.

Ex-Officio Clifford stated the Commission should decide which amenities should be included in a performing arts center and suggested a theater, cinema, black box experimental space, art gallery, dance studio, and recording studio. He stated that the performing arts center should accommodate every form of art.

Chair Cherin indicated agreement with Ex-Officio Clifford and suggested also including a studio space for an artist in residence program.

Commissioner Lawrence stated it would be easier to state what should not be included rather than what should be included.

At 5:32 p.m., Commissioner Haldeman joined the meeting and Commissioner Lawrence left the meeting.

In response to Commissioner Jones, Ex-Officio Clifford stated it was important to solicit feedback from the community regarding a performing arts center and recommended the Commission conduct a community survey.

In response to Commissioner Haldeman, Ex-Officio Clifford stated the Smothers Theater at Pepperdine University could be rented, but availability of the venue was limited.

Commissioner Haldeman indicated agreement with Ex-Officio Clifford on creating a community survey and suggested holding a community meeting.

Ex-Officio Clifford suggested conducting the community survey before holding a community meeting.

Commissioner Jones indicated agreement with Ex-Officio Clifford regarding a community survey and compiling data related to what the community wants. He stated the Commission should compile recommended questions for the community survey.

Commissioner Haldeman stated it was important to create a concept of what should be done rather than just compiling data.

In response to Commissioner Haldeman, Community Services Director Bobbett stated staff would need the Commission to provide clear questions for the community survey.

Commissioner Jones stated professional acts, artists, and musicians would be an important component of a performing arts center if it were similar to the Smothers Theater at Pepperdine University.

Commissioner Haldeman and Ex-Officio Clifford indicated agreement with Commissioner Jones.

In response to Chair Cherin, Community Services Director Bobbett stated there were various fees to rent the City Hall Theater and the rental fee was dependent on the number of hours the facility would be used.

Chair Cherin suggested the Commission prepare a community survey at the March 22, 2022 Regular meeting.

Ex-Officio Clifford recommended each Commissioner send a list of potential questions for the community survey to staff prior to the March 22, 2022 Regular meeting so they could be reviewed by the Commission before the survey was released.

Community Services Director Bobbett stated Commissioners would need to submit their questions to staff no later than March 15, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

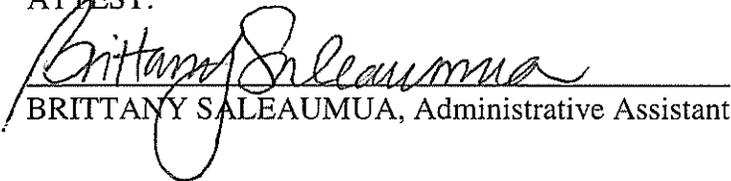
MOTION At 6:05 p.m., Commissioner Jones moved, and Commissioner Haldeman seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. The question was called, and the motion carried 3-0, Vice Chair Holland and Commissioner Lawrence absent.

Approved and adopted by the Malibu Arts Commission of the City of Malibu on April 26, 2022.



LOTTE CHERIN, Chair

ATTEST:



BRITTANY SALEAUMUA, Administrative Assistant