

MINUTES
MALIBU ARTS COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 28, 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 9:08 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

Community Services Director Bobbett led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION Chair Cherin moved, and Commissioner Jones 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 September 24, 2021.

ITEM 1 CEREMONIAL/PRESENTATIONS

A. Malibu Poet Laureate Ann Buxie

Poet Laureate Ann Buxie stated she was looking forward to meeting each Commissioner and hearing their thoughts on the poetry community. She stated the

theme for her term would be creating a healthy relationship between the community, the environment, and all living things.

Eduardo Del Signore congratulated Ms. Buxie on her appointment and invited her to participate in a concert series coordinated by A Call 2Peace.

ITEM 2.A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 2.B. COMMISSION AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Arts in Education

Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo stated poetry workshops would begin at Malibu Middle School in October 2021 and take place for four weeks. She stated workshops at Malibu Elementary School and Webster Elementary School would follow the Malibu Middle School Workshops.

2. Malibu Public Art Exhibitions

Vice Chair Holland stated *An Eye to the Future* Art Exhibition at City Hall would be open from October 4 through November 24, 2021.

Commissioner Lawrence stated social media posts highlighting artists from the exhibition would be posted on Facebook.

In response to Commissioner Haldeman, Commissioner Lawrence stated the exhibition was displayed downstairs at City Hall.

3. Business and Community Outreach

Commissioner Haldeman explained concerns raised by the Chair of the Chamber of Commerce Board regarding the Art in Business proposal.

4. Social Media

Commissioner Lawrence stated he discussed implementing a strategic social media plan with staff.

In response to Chair Cherin, Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo stated she would email the social media information to the Commission.

In response to Commissioner Haldeman, Commissioner Lawrence stated the Malibu Arts Commission website was different from the Malibu Arts

Commission Facebook account and each had different purposes. He stated the website was for informational purposes and Facebook was an interactive platform for creating awareness.

ITEM 3 CONSENT CALENDAR

MOTION Chair Cherin moved, and Vice Chair Holland 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 August 24, 2021 Malibu Arts Commission Regular Meeting.

ITEM 4 OLD 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 Commissioner Jones, Community Services Deputy Director Riesgo stated she worked with the City's insurance provider to obtain coverage for the artwork.

Commissioner Lawrence stated the proposed schedule was for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and additional exhibitions were not listed as they were scheduled for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. He also explained the artists were strategically chosen to build exposure for the City's art exhibitions.

In response to Vice Chair Holland, Commissioner Lawrence stated the proposed schedule was modified to display six exhibitions during the calendar year.

Commissioner Haldeman stated there was a need to exhibit additional Malibu artists and expressed concern regarding artist Tom Fritz's car-focused theme due to the current negative perception of car shows in the City and speeding on Pacific Coast Highway.

Commissioner Lawrence disagreed with Commissioner Haldeman and stated drivers were the problem, not the cars. He stated Mr. Fritz's artwork would help build exposure.

Commissioner Jones indicated agreement with Commissioner Lawrence.

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 he worked with Thornhill Press and asked the Commission for recommendations regarding residents who would be interested in reading excerpts of *Ulysses*. He also stated there would be no financial obligation by the Commission or the City.

In response to Commissioner Haldeman, Commissioner Jones stated the Malibu Arts Commission would be recognized as part of the film credits.

CONSENSUS By consensus, the Commission supported Commissioner Jones to work with Thornhill Press to solicit Malibu residents to read excerpts of the novel *Ulysses* for the centennial anniversary.

A. City Hall Art Exhibitions (Continued)

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

POINT OF ORDER

Community Services Director Bobbett stated the recommended action for Item 4.A. was to review and approve the City Hall Art Exhibitions for Fiscal Year 2021-2022 and requested the Commission make a determination regarding the recommended action.

MOTION

Vice Chair Holland moved, and Chair Cherin seconded a motion to approve the Malibu Public Art Exhibitions Ad Hoc Committee's recommended City Hall Art Exhibitions for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Commissioner Haldeman stated he was not in agreement with the City Hall Art Exhibition schedule and requested the exhibitions planned beyond Fiscal Year 2021-2022 be included on the schedule.

Vice Chair Holland stated the motion on the table was for Fiscal Year 2021-2022.

Commissioner Lawrence stated a photography exhibition was scheduled for August 2021 along with two additional art shows. He stated each exhibition would be displayed for one month.

Commissioner Haldeman stated the Tom Fritz exhibition was a highly political issue and should not be displayed.

Chair Cherin disagreed with Commissioner Haldeman and stated Mr. Fritz was an excellent artist.

POINT OF ORDER

In response to Chair Cherin, Community Services Director Bobbett stated there was a motion on the table requiring a vote by the Commission.

Administrative Assistant Saleaumua restated the motion on the floor from Vice Chair Holland.

The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

ITEM 5 NEW BUSINESS

A. Woolsey Fire Art Donation

Recommended Action: 1) Review the request from Artist Anna Kelly regarding the donation of two paintings from her *Saving Malibu* art series for installation at City Hall; 2) Review potential display locations at City Hall; and 3) Provide a recommendation to the City Council regarding the acceptance of the donation and display location.

Anna Kelly introduced herself and provided background information on the two paintings she wished to donate to the City, *Saving Malibu* and *Fallen Hero*.

Community Services Director Bobbett presented the report.

In response to Commissioner Jones, Ms. Kelly stated the Commission did not have to accept both paintings or display them year-round.

Commissioner Lawrence thanked Ms. Kelly for choosing the City of Malibu as the recipient of the donation and allowing the City to determine how to display the paintings.

In response to Chair Cherin, Commissioner Jones stated an artwork donation policy should be implemented for future donations.

Commissioner Haldeman stated the Commission should not accept artwork donations for permanent display because it would set a precedent for future donors.

Commissioner Lawrence indicated agreement with Commissioner Haldeman. He stated if artists wanted to donate artwork, the City should display the artwork as it deemed appropriate, and a protocol should be established for future donors.

MOTION Commissioner Haldeman moved to accept both paintings on loan with the artwork displayed as deemed appropriate by the City.

The motion died due to lack of a second.

Commissioner Jones stated the Woolsey Fire was not a singular event, and it was a sensitive topic for many residents. He suggested accepting the artwork on loan for a specific period of time with the option to renew the terms.

MOTION Commissioner Jones moved to accept Anna Kelly's *Saving Malibu* painting on loan for one year to be displayed in the Multipurpose Room in City Hall.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT

Chair Cherin offered a friendly amendment to the motion to accept Anna Kelly's *Saving Malibu* painting on loan for two years with the option to renew the term at the end of the two-year period. The maker accepted the amendment.

The motion died due to lack of a second.

In response to Commissioner Jones, Community Services Director Bobbett stated he thought the lights in the Multipurpose Room were fluorescent light bulbs, but he would need to confirm.

Commissioner Jones stated staff should check the lighting in the Multipurpose Room to ensure the painting would not fade.

Commissioner Lawrence indicated agreement with Commissioner Jones.

MOTION Commissioner Haldeman moved, and Vice Chair Holland seconded a motion to accept Anna Kelly's *Saving Malibu* painting on loan for one year with the intention of, but not the guarantee to display the piece with an option to renew the loan after one year upon mutual consent of the City and Ms. Kelly.

Chair Cherin restated the motion and asked Ms. Kelly if she was in agreement.

Ms. Kelly indicated agreement with the motion on the table.

The question was called, and the motion carried unanimously.

B. A Call 2 Peace

Recommended Action: Review the request from Eduardo Del Signore, founder of A Call 2Peace Foundation, to collaborate on a series of concerts benefitting various Malibu-based charities.

CONSENSUS By consensus, Item No. 5.B. was continued to the October 26, 2021 Regular meeting.

ITEM 6 STAFF UPDATES

None.

ITEM 7 COMMISSIONER REPORTS, COMMENTS AND INQUIRIES

Commissioner Haldeman questioned the Malibu Arts budget, the amount allotted towards staffing, and requested the budget be agenzized for discussion.

Chair Cherin indicated agreement with Commissioner Haldeman.

Vice Chair Holland stated she was directing the Nine O'clock Players for Children in Hollywood's production of *Peter Pan*. She stated she would email information to staff.

Commissioner Lawrence stated he was publishing his 48th coloring book, which would be available October 1, 2021. He stated he had a contract for an additional coloring book with Hot Wheels. He also stated he was meeting with exhibition artists this weekend if any Commissioners wanted to attend.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

A Call 2Peace
Artwork Insurance
Arts Budget Overview
Interns

ADJOURNMENT


MOTION At 11:11 a.m., Commissioner Haldeman moved, and Chair Cherin 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 October
26, 2021.



LOTTE CHERIN, Chair

ATTEST:



BRITTANY SALEAUMUA, Administrative Assistant