City and County of San Francisco
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Minutes for Community Investments Committee, October 27, 2026

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Minutes

Chair Shiota called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

1. **Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Changes, Land Acknowledgment** ***(00:00:01)***

Commissioners Present
Janine Shiota, Chair
Seth Brenzel
Marcus Shelby
Debra Walker

Commissioners Absent

Suzie Ferras
Nabiel Musleh

Staff Present
Denise Pate, Director of Community Investments
Molly Barrons, Senior Compliance Officer

Natalia Perez, Program Associate
Kingsley Sun, Program Associate

No agenda changes were made.

Chair Shiota announced the public meeting instructions.

Program Associate Natalia Perez announced the public meeting instructions.

Commissioner Brenzel began the meeting by reading the Arts Commission's land acknowledgment statement.

2. **General Public Comment**
   (00:05:34)

Public Comment(s)

There was no public comment.

3. **Queer Cultural Center**
   (00:06:31)

The Commission discussed a proposed resolution to update the Queer Cultural Center (QCC)'s FY 2026–27 grant agreement, changing its fiscal sponsor to the African American Arts and Cultural Complex (AAACC) and approving a grant amount of $146,557 to support QCC's operations and programming.

Director of Community Investments Denise Pate explained that the change reflects the QCC's decision to work with AAACC, where it has an established relationship with the new executive director. Commissioners expressed support for cultural centers collaborating and sharing resources to reduce

infrastructure costs and strengthen their services. Commissioner Walker encouraged staff to include cultural centers in the Commission's upcoming strategic planning process to better address their needs for space, infrastructure, and organizational support.

Chair Shiota asked about upcoming capital maintenance projects for cultural centers. Director Pate confirmed that AAACC is scheduled to begin renovations in January, with work expected to take approximately 18 months, and said she would provide further information in her director's report.

Commissioner Shelby seconded by Commissioner Brenzel moved to approve this item.

The motion was unanimously passed.

Public Comment(s)

There was no public comment.

4. **Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Center**
   (00:14:40)

The Commission discussed a one-time, non-renewable increase of $55,000 in general operating support for the Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Center (APICC) for FY 2026–2027, made possible by increased hotel tax revenue and expanded Grants for the Arts funding capacity. The additional funding brings APICC's total grant allocation for the fiscal year to $201,557. Program officers from Community Investments and Grants for the Arts will coordinate grant management as the programs are combined. Commissioner Walker expressed support for the increased funding, highlighting the importance of collaboration among cultural centers. Chair Shiota requested clarification on the fiscal year and grant timeline for the record.

Commissioner Brenzel seconded by Commissioner Walker moved to approve this item.

The motion was unanimously passed.

Public Comment(s)

There was no public comment.

5. **Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts**
   (00:17:42)

Following the unexpected closure of Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts (MCCLA), the proposed resolution update adds $84,967 general operating grant funds to Grant 24SPX07 to support MCCLA's relocation, packing, and preservation of its historical archives. The funds will cover moving expenses and storage in a specialized, climate-controlled facility. The amendment increases the total agreement amount to a maximum of $122,467 and authorizes the Executive Director of Arts and Culture to execute the amended novation agreement with MCCLA and San Francisco Study Center Inc. Commissioners clarified that the additional funds are being reallocated from an existing grant budget, not newly allocated funding.

Commissioner Walker seconded by Commissioner Shelby moved to approve this item.

The motion was unanimously passed.

Public Comment(s)

There was no public comment.

6. **Staff Report**

(00:21:02)

Director Pate reported that 91% of the 116 grant agreements had been executed, with the remaining agreements expected to be completed the following week. Staff are assisting grantees with payments, updated policies, and quarterly reporting requirements. FY 2027–28 grant guidelines are expected in late fall.

Staff are monitoring the relocation of Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts (MCCLA) and the African American Cultural Center, both of which must vacate their buildings by December 15 for renovations. The African American Cultural Center will continue programming at an alternative location.

Staff are working to combine the Community Investments and Grants for the Arts programs into one grant program by FY 2028–29.

Commissioners emphasized the need for transparency, community engagement, and regular updates on the integration process and cultural center renovations, and requested that the Film Commission be included in broader strategic planning discussions.

Public Comment(s)

There was no public comment.

7. **New Business and Announcements**
   (00:38:56)

Commissioner Walker expressed appreciation for all the updates on cultural centers and various programs.

Public Comment(s)

There was no public comment.

8. **Adjournment**

(00:40:26)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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