



Council Business Meeting

November 21, 2023

Agenda Item	Public Arts Committee Appointment	
From	Alissa Kolodzinski	City Recorder
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Item Type	Requested by Council <input type="checkbox"/> Update <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Direction <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/>	

SUMMARY

Approval of Mayor Graham’s recommendation for the appointment of Beca Blake, Position #1, to the Public Arts Committee with a term ending April 30, 2026.

BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Ashland Municipal Code (AMC) Chapter 2.17.

FISCAL IMPACTS

N/A

ACTIONS, OPTIONS & POTENTIAL MOTIONS

I move to approve the Mayor’s recommendation for the appointment of Beca Blake to the Public Arts Committee with a term ending April 30, 2026.

REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Application-Blake



From: [City of Ashland, Oregon](#)
To: [Dorinda Cottle](#); [City Recorder](#)
Subject: Application for Committee or Commission Submitted
Date: Saturday, November 11, 2023 10:22:42 PM

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

*** FORM FIELD DATA ***

Name: **Beca Blake**

Committee or Commission interested in: **Public Arts Committee PAAC**

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Occupation : **nonprofit consultant, grant writer, fine arts, administration**

Educational background: **2022 Certificate of Nonprofit Management PB SOU 2021 BFA Visual Art SOU 2020 BS Business Administration SOU 1999 Certificate of Body Therapy, Licensed Therapist North Carolina School of Natural Healing 1992-1995 BFA Visual Art University of Texas at Austin (incomplete)**

Related Experience: **I have been actively involved in the arts as an artist and arts administrator for over 25 years. While living in Hawaii, as a licensed therapist, I also worked as an independent contractor in cultural public event promotion and production on the four major islands of Hawaii. I have been managing artists and producing my own art work for over 25 years as well. I hold many certificates in a variety of cultural arts. From 2018-2022 I accomplished extensive academic training in contemporary higher educational and business culture with a strong focus in organizational leadership, ethics, equity, diversity, inclusion. conceptual art, creative thinking, soft skills, emotional intelligence, conflict resolution. communications, group dynamics, and more. I achieved all of my degree and certificate coursework with Summa cum Laude Honors (4.0GPA) across all disciplines and departments despite personal and global hardships. I have a strong work ethic and I am high performer. I am sometimes slow to on-board new commitments due to my need to prioritize and work efficiently within my capacity. I have been attending the SOU Creativity Conference since 2019, I presented at the SOUCC in 2023. I am currently the Grant and Fundraising officer of the Ashland Galleries association. I am also a nonprofit consultant and business administrator. I specialize in change and startup organizational structure and leadership. I have a strong interest in public art. I am currently developing a thesis within my art practice pertaining to Creativity for Social Change and Conceptual Art. I combine public charity and art when possible.**

Interests: **I have a strong interest in public art. I know I can learn a tremendous amount from this team. I enjoy the team members on this committee and value their dedication and skills. I am interested in gaining experience and sharing what skills I might have to offer.**

Availability: **Yes. I am available to attend special meetings in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings. I can meet in the daytime afternoon or in the evenings. I have two children, so I tend to need my morning time to manage my household and help my children with their schooling needs.**

Additional Information : **I drove through Ashland in 1997 and I thought it was lovely. At the time, I was living in the Carolinas. I then moved to Maui, Hawaii. I moved to Ashland full time in 2015 after leaving Maui. My two children have been raised in this**

valley with family that has been here for generations, part American Indian on their father's side. I have been contributing to the schools and community for over 10 years. I was living in Ashland up until July 2022. I now own a home in Phoenix, Oregon. In 2018, as soon as my children were old enough for me to return to schooling, I enrolled in the University to further my career and education. I specifically chose to accomplish a certificate of nonprofit management after seeing a need for this knowledge in the community while I was participating with community organizations. I achieved two degrees and a certificate in my 5 years of schooling without acquiring debt by holding a high GPA and earning scholarships. Helping out with community organizations and on committees is my way of reciprocating and participating in the local leadership. My business administration degree is in the field of Innovation and Leadership. I am trained to apply creative thinking, problem solving, human resource solutions, group dynamics, EDI, authenticity, ethics, transparency, and more qualities that are required when working on a team and making important administrative decisions.

Signature: **Beca Blake**

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