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Chairperson

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Arts & Cultural Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

This meeting was teleconferenced using Zoom

Committee Members Present:

Eric Narburgh, Vice Chair

Pia Rahman

Committee Members Absent:

Anatole Ashraf

Lisa Charles

Stephen Cooper

Ryan Smith

Committee Members Excused

Karesia Batan, Chair

Kenny Greenberg

Arts & Cultural Affairs Public Members Absent:

Edjo Wheeler, Culture Lab

Community Board 2 Staff:

Rafael Nava, Community Coordinator

Guests:

Angel Hart, LIC Partnership

YouTube Video Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PFjBeYlFDoU>

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00:00:13 Eric Narburgh, Vice Chair of the Arts and Cultural Affairs Committee, welcomed everyone to the Committee meeting.

The Committee discussed plans to promote arts and culture through CB2's website, social media, and newsletter. They also discussed ways to highlight events and activities in the district and encourage more artists and arts organizations to attend committee meetings and share updates.

00:02:37 Upcoming Arts and Cultural Events

Eric Narburgh shared information on upcoming arts and cultural events and opportunities in the district, including:

- SunnyPride, taking place on Friday, June 12, 2026, from 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM ([click here to learn more](#)).
- Culture Lab's NY-07 Democratic Candidates Forum, taking place on Monday, June 15, 2026, from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. People can RSVP and submit questions online, including questions related to the arts ([click here to learn more](#)).
- The OneLIC Oversight Task Force kickoff meeting, taking place on Wednesday, June 17, 2026, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Artists and arts organizations were encouraged to attend and help ensure accountability for commitments made to the arts sector ([click here to register](#)).
- NYSCA grant opportunities for organizations, sponsored organizations, and artists, with applications due on Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 5:00 PM ([click here for guidelines and here for webinars](#)).
- Upcoming programming at Culture Lab ([click here to learn more](#)).
- Woodside on the Move Open Streets, taking place every weekend in June ([click here to learn more](#)).
- Sunnyside Shines' Sunnyside Community Cultural Initiative, which is ongoing and features musical and dance performances ([click here to learn more](#)).
- A free screening of *My Sunnyside* at LaGuardia Community College's Performing Arts Center, taking place on June 11, 2026, at 6:30 PM ([click here to learn more](#)). This is part of Pride Month series that will conclude with a screening of "Bright Vignettes: How Astoria Got Its Pride" on June 18 at 6:30 pm at the Stuart Cinema and Cafe, [details here](#).

00:07:05 Additional Updates

- Eric Narburgh shared that the Historic Districts Council is expected to present recommendations for potential landmark designations to the Land Use Committee on June 17, 2026, and seek support for those recommendations.
- Angel Hart of LIC Partnership shared that LIC Partnership, and affiliated organizations are hosting World Cup watch parties throughout the tournament ([click here to learn more](#)).
- Angel Hart also shared that there is a potential mural project with the YMCA on the facade of its building. Installation is expected to begin in late summer or early fall. CB2 will help promote the artist call for the mural project through its social media channels during the summer break.
- Esteban Cabeza de Baca's *Ancestral Dreams* mural will open to the public on June 25, 2026 ([click here to learn more](#)).

The meeting was adjourned.

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