

AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022
VIRTUAL MEETING WITH NO PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION
6:00 P.M.

During this declared State of Emergency, this meeting will be conducted in accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(e), as authorized by resolution. Please contact city.clerk@mountainview.gov to obtain a copy of the applicable resolution. All members of the Visual Arts Committee will participate in the meeting by video conference, with no physical meeting location. Members of the public wishing to observe the live meeting may do so at <https://mountainview.gov/meeting> or <https://mountainview.legistar.com>.

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1. **CALL TO ORDER**

2. **ROLL CALL**—Committee members Cliff Bryant, Susi Merhar, Regina Sakols, Tootoo Thomson, Don Whitebread, Vice Chair Toni Hsu, and Chair Jesse Cupp.

3. **MINUTES APPROVAL**

The minutes for the October 12, 2022 meeting have been delivered to Committee members and copies posted on the City Hall bulletin board. If there are no corrections or additions, a motion is in order to approve these minutes.

4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons wishing to address the Committee on any matter not on the agenda. Speakers are limited to three minutes. State law prohibits the Committee from acting on nonagenda items.

5. **UPCOMING AGENDA TOPICS**

This portion of the agenda is reserved for the identification of agenda items for future meetings.

- Placemaking opportunities related to Castro Interim Pedestrian Mall and other long-term Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects.
- Public Art Strategy.
- Discuss how art placement and landscaping integration can be further explored.
- K-5 Policy Augmentations to better capture more CIP projects.
- Joint Committee meeting with the Downtown Committee.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6.1 **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (CIP) PUBLIC ART PROJECT UPDATES**

Staff will provide updates on Rengstorff Park Aquatics Center (CIP Project 18-38), Fayette Park (CIP Project 20-48), and Rengstorff Park Maintenance and Tennis Buildings (CIP Project 21-48).

6.2 PUBLIC ART SCALE AND PLACEMENT DISCUSSION

Staff to provide an update on orientation, scale/massing related to future K-5 public art. Staff will be seeking feedback and direction from the Committee regarding approach to future CIP projects.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 AB 361 RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE REMOTE PUBLIC MEETINGS DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY

Adopt a Resolution of the Visual Arts Committee of the City of Mountain View Authorizing Virtual Meetings Pursuant to AB 361 and Making Required Findings, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the Committee memorandum).

7.2 CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS CALL FOR ARTISTS

Update on the status regarding for the Call for Artists for the Center for the Performing Arts 2023 gallery display. Next steps on jurying.

8. COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, COMMITTEE REPORTS

No action will be taken on any questions raised by the Committee at this time.

9. ADJOURNMENT

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AGENDAS FOR BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, AND COMMITTEES

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- The Board, Commission, or Committee may take action on any matter noticed herein in any manner deemed appropriate by the Board, Commission, or Committee. Their consideration of the matters noticed herein is not limited by the recommendations indicated herein.
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ADDRESSING THE BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE

- Interested persons are entitled to speak on any item on the agenda and should make their interest known to the Chair.
- Anyone wishing to address the Board, Commission, or Committee on a nonagenda item may do so during the “Oral Communications” part of the agenda. Speakers are allowed to speak one time on any number of topics for up to three minutes.

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022
VIRTUAL MEETING WITH NO PHYSICAL MEETING LOCATION
6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jesse Cupp called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Committee members Cliff Bryant, Regina Sakols, Tootoo Thomson, Don Whitebread, Vice Chair Toni Hsu, and Chair Jesse Cupp.

Absent: Committee member Susi Merhar (excused).

Staff Present: John Lang, Economic Vitality Manager.

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes of the September 14, 2022 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and approved as distributed.

Motion—M/S Whitebread/Sakols—Carried 6-0-1; Merhar absent—To approve the September 14, 2022 minutes as presented.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No public comment.

5. UPCOMING AGENDA TOPICS

- Placemaking opportunities related to Castro Pedestrian Mall interim and long-term Capital Improvement Program (CIP) projects.
- Public Art Strategy.
- Discuss how art placement and landscaping integration can be further explored.

- K5 Policy Augmentation to better capture more CIP projects.
- Another collaboration opportunity with the Downtown Committee.
- Have Public Works outline the construction planning process for K-5 eligible projects, including timing of art element relative to other structures. The VAC would also like to better understand site context of art within a project location, potentially including site visits before determining art for CIP projects.

No public comment.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 CIP PUBLIC ART PROJECT UPDATES

- Pyramid Park, Project 21-45: Construction complete. Item will be removed going forward. Committee members shared their observations from the Park dedication on September 24, 2022.
- Rengstorff Park Aquatics Center (CIP Project 18-38): Project is at approximately 25% complete and on track to open in fall 2023. Artist coordination has commenced with the design team.
- Fayette Park (CIP Project 20-48): Construction has just recently commenced. No additional updates at present time.
- Rengstorff Park Maintenance and Tennis Buildings (CIP Project 21-48): Design is wrapping up, and the project will be bid out later this fall. Staff is working with artists to execute agreements.

Public Comment: None.

6.2 PUBLIC ART STRATEGY UPDATE

Economic Development staff outlined the draft working structure of the Public Art Strategy as outlined in the staff report. Staff asked the Committee for their feedback on whether the framework/outline made sense and what items needed to be augmented, removed, or added to the working structure. The Committee's feedback included more clarity on the time horizon of the Strategy as well as measure of success for achieving the goals of the Strategy. Staff said the document will be a five-year document and measures of success will be added once all the strategies and initiatives are confirmed. Additional considerations and feedback included a need for more

studio space and venues to create art, identifying pathways for artists to be more connected to the business community to share and sell their art, and the art strategy should recognize the diversity of Mountain View and, therefore, should be incorporated into the vision and goals of the Strategy.

No Public Comment.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 AB 361 RESOLUTION TO CONTINUE REMOTE PUBLIC MEETINGS DURING STATE OF EMERGENCY

Motion—M/S Cupp/Thomson—Carried 6-0-1; Merhar absent—To adopt a Resolution of the Visual Arts Committee Authorizing Virtual Meetings of the Visual Arts Committee Pursuant to AB 361 and Making Required Findings, to be read in title only, further reading waived.

Public Comment: None.

7.2 CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS CALL FOR ARTISTS

The Committee discussed the topic of a theme to be incorporated into the call for artists for 2023. The Committee decided for 2023 there would be no theme, and the Committee would like to see greater artist interest. Without a theme, this may result in more submissions.

Public Comment: None.

7.3 2023 VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

Staff presented the proposed 2023 meeting dates for the Visual Arts Committee.

Motion—M/S Cupp/Bryant—Carried 6-0-1; Merhar absent—To adopt the following meeting schedule for 2023: Second Wednesday of the following months at 6:00 p.m.: February 8, March 8, April 12, May 10, June 14, September 13, October 11, November 8, and December 13. No meetings are proposed on January 11, July 12, and August 9.

Public Comment: None.

8. COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, COMMITTEE REPORTS—None.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

These Minutes are hereby submitted for approval by John Lang, Recording Secretary.

Approved on _____.

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819-10-12-22mn

DATE: November 9, 2022

TO: Visual Arts Committee

FROM: John Lang, Economic Vitality Manager

SUBJECT: **AB 361 Resolution to Continue Remote Public Meetings During State of Emergency**

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution of the Visual Arts Committee of the City of Mountain View Authorizing Virtual Meetings Pursuant to AB 361 and Making Required Findings, to be read in title only, further reading waived (Attachment 1 to the Committee memorandum).

BACKGROUND

In March 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom issued an Executive Order authorizing exemptions to the Brown Act's teleconferencing rules to facilitate remote public meetings during the declared State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since March 17, 2020, the City Council and the City's boards, commissions, and committees have conducted their meetings entirely remotely, as authorized by the Executive Order.

Assembly Bill (AB) 361, which became effective on September 16, 2021, allows remote public meetings to continue (under the Brown Act teleconferencing rules exemption) during a state of emergency if State or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing or the legislative body has determined that, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person presents imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees.

Beginning September 28, 2021, the City Council has considered each month the existing circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic and adopted a resolution pursuant to AB 361, making findings and determining that the City's public meetings may continue to be held remotely for 30 days following the adoption of the resolution. AB 361 requires that the legislative body consider the circumstances of the emergency and make the required findings every 30 days in order to continue to meet remotely under the Brown Act teleconferencing rules exemption.

ANALYSIS

Despite the relatively high rate of vaccination in Santa Clara County, the risk of community spread of COVID-19 remains persistent. At the beginning of the year, fueled by the rapid spread of the Omicron variant, the rate of infection reached pandemic highs. The infection rate has since declined in most parts of the State, including Santa Clara County. However, the Governor's declared State of Emergency remains in effect, as do public health orders and recommendations to promote social distancing to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

These public health measures include the County Public Health Officer's recommendation issued in September 2021 that public bodies meet remotely to the extent possible, which remains in effect. The Public Health Officer based the recommendation on "the continued threat of COVID-19 to the community, the unique characteristics of public governmental meetings (such as the increased mixing associated with bringing together people from across the community, the need to enable those who are immunocompromised or unvaccinated to be able to safely continue to fully participate in public governmental meetings, and the challenges with fully ascertaining and ensuring compliance with vaccination and other safety recommendations at such meetings), and the continued increased safety protection that social distancing provides as one means by which to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission." As recognized by the County Public Health Department, COVID-19 continues to pose imminent risks to the health and safety of meeting attendees.

Adoption of the proposed resolution would allow the Visual Arts Committee to continue to meet remotely, without adhering to the regular teleconference rules, for 30 days. If the Visual Arts Committee does not adopt the proposed resolution, it will no longer be exempt from the physical public access, quorum, and public comment opportunity rules applied to teleconference meetings.

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Attachment: 1. Resolution

CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION NO.
SERIES 2022

A RESOLUTION OF THE VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF MOUNTAIN VIEW
AUTHORIZING VIRTUAL MEETINGS PURSUANT TO AB 361 AND MAKING REQUIRED FINDINGS

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of California declared a State of Emergency, as defined under the California Emergency Services Act, due to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the State of Emergency remains in effect; and

WHEREAS, beginning in March 2020, the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20 (later extended by Executive Order N-08-21) suspended Brown Act requirements related to teleconferencing during the COVID-19 pandemic provided that notice, accessibility, and other requirements were met and the public was allowed to observe and address the legislative body at the meeting; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2021, the Governor signed into law Assembly Bill (AB) 361, an urgency measure effective upon adoption, that allows government bodies to meet virtually without conforming to the Brown Act teleconferencing rules during a declared state of emergency if: (1) State or local officials have imposed or recommended measures to promote social distancing; (2) the legislative body is meeting to determine whether, as a result of the emergency, meeting in person presents imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; or (3) the legislative body has determined that meeting in person would present imminent risks to the health or safety of attendees; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2021, the Santa Clara County Public Health Officer issued a recommendation, which is still in effect, that public bodies meet remotely to the extent possible "due to the continued threat of COVID-19 to the community, the unique characteristics of public governmental meetings (such as the increased mixing associated with bringing together people from across the community, the need to enable those who are immunocompromised or unvaccinated to be able to safely continue to fully participate in public governmental meetings, and the challenges with fully ascertaining and ensuring compliance with vaccination and other safety recommendations at such meetings), and the continued increased safety protection that social distancing provides as one means by which to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission"; and

WHEREAS, COVID-19 remains a continuing threat to public health; and

WHEREAS, although the rate of infection and hospitalizations has declined since the winter peaks, the declared State of Emergency and public health recommendations promoting social distancing to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 remain in effect; and

WHEREAS, the State of Emergency has caused and will continue to cause imminent risks to the health or safety of persons attending meetings of City legislative bodies, and there is a need to continue to use teleconferencing for public meetings without requiring that all teleconferencing locations be posted on the agenda and accessible to the public; and

WHEREAS, the City Council and the City's boards, commissions, and committees have conducted their meetings virtually since March 17, 2020, first as authorized by Executive Order and subsequently by AB 361; and

WHEREAS, the Visual Arts Committee has determined that it will hold virtual meetings, with all members, staff, and the public participating remotely without a common physical location; and

WHEREAS, as required by AB 361, the Visual Arts Committee has considered the circumstances of the emergency in making the findings and determinations set forth in this resolution; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: by the Visual Arts Committee of the City of Mountain View that:

1. The Visual Arts Committee adopts the recitals set forth above as findings of fact.
2. The Visual Arts Committee hereby finds that a state of emergency continues to exist relating to COVID-19, and the County Public Health Officer has recommended that legislative bodies continue to meet remotely to promote social distancing as a means to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission.
3. The Visual Arts Committee shall only meet remotely in accordance with AB 361, with Brown Act teleconferencing rules suspended.
4. This Resolution shall be in effect for 30 days following its adoption.

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