

MINUTES

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Toni Hsu called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Committee members Cliff Bryant, Susi Merhar, Regina Sakols, Tootoo Thomson, Don Whitebread, Vice Chair Toni Hsu, and Chair Jesse Cupp (arrived 6:05 pm).

Absent: None.

Staff Present: John Lang, Economic Vitality Manager.

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes of the October 12, 2022 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and approved as distributed.

Motion—M/S Cupp/Sakols—Carried 7-0—To approve the October 12, 2022 minutes as presented.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Public Comments:

Nyia, a local resident who is studying public art, was interested in proposing an art project for City consideration regarding the “Historic El Camino Real” bells.

Bruce England noted the PDF agenda for the meeting does not have a direct link for the Zoom meeting.

5. **UPCOMING AGENDA TOPICS**

- 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.
- Council Policy K-5 Augmentations to better capture more CIP projects (art in bike lanes integrations).
- Joint Committee meeting with the Downtown Committee.
- Castro Street Grade Separation CIP Project—Public Art.
- Evelyn Park, Project 21-60.

No public comment.

6. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

6.1 **CIP PUBLIC ART PROJECT UPDATES**

- 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 continues working with artists to execute agreements. Artist renderings will come back to the VAC for review before being finalized.

Public Comment: None.

6.2 **PUBLIC ART SCALE AND PLACEMENT DISCUSSION**

Staff provided an update on orientation, scale/massing related to future Council Policy K-5 public art. For larger CIP projects, 3D modeling will generally be available

and can be incorporated as part of the VAC review. Smaller projects will not have that option and are out of budget scope. For understanding scale, we will, for future projects, do size equivalents to make it clear about the actual size. Staff also recommends that for future projects, the VAC goes out to a site and visit it together to be familiar with the area and location of potential art. This can be achieved by noticing the time and location of the visit. Another point of clarification is the timing of when the playground or other complementary infrastructure is ordered. This information typically proceeds VAC review for art and, therefore, color palette and size are known in advance. Finally, artists do have some autonomy to augment pieces should changes be needed. This would be an area for the VAC and artist to discuss further when reviewing future art pieces. Staff sought feedback and direction from the Committee regarding approach to future CIP projects.

The VAC would like to build on public outreach related to identifying park infrastructure. Staff will explore how park equipment is handled via the Parks and Recreation Commission.

The VAC would also like to have a checklist associated with developing art for larger CIP projects (RFQ process with Stipend) that require further art renderings and review.

There should be a threshold value per piece to determine which process the VAC will conduct when doing Calls for Artists. Staff will review past projects and share past thresholds.

Public Comment: Alette spoke about 3D modeling and said visualization would help the VAC see how the art could be placed.

7. NEW BUSINESS

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

The VAC discussed this item along with a memo presented by the City Manager's Office advising that all committees will be going back in-person starting February 1. The Committee elected to not take action on this item as Council's future actions will allow for remote meetings through January 2023. Future meetings will be in the Atrium Conference Room starting in February.

Public Comment: None.

7.2 CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS CALL FOR ARTISTS

Staff provided an update on the status regarding the Call for Artists for the Center for the Performing Arts 2023 gallery display. Currently, there are 29 submissions. Starting November 13, the VAC will begin the jurying process. Anticipate bringing back recommendations at the next VAC meeting.

The VAC would like to receive notification of when a call is released as they will forward to other artists.

Public Comment: None.

8. COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Vice Chair would like to understand the protocol for when individuals reach out directly to the Committee. Are there any issues if Committee members respond directly?

Public Comment: None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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

Approved on _____.

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