

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023
ATRIUM CONFERENCE ROOM – 500 CASTRO STREET
6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chair Jesse Cupp.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Committee members Cliff Bryant, Toni Hsu, Regina Sakols, Tootoo Thomson, Vice Chair Susi Merhar (Virtual), and Chair Jesse Cupp.

Absent: Don Whitebread (excused).

Staff Present: John Lang, Economic Vitality Manager.

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes of the April 12, 2023 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and approved as distributed.

Motion—M/S Merhar/Bryant—Carried 6-0-1; Whitebread absent—To approve the minutes of the April 12, 2023 meeting as presented.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC—None.

5. UPCOMING AGENDA TOPICS—None.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 CIP PUBLIC ART PROJECT UPDATES

- Rengstorff Park Aquatics Center (CIP Project 18-38): the project is approximately 25% complete and on track to open in fall 2023. All artist coordination has now commenced with the design team. Staff shared with the

Committee images showing the refurbished mosaic fish that was temporarily removed during the construction process.

- Fayette Park (CIP Project 20-48): Construction has commenced. Artist has fabricated the art and is on track for anticipated installation in June.
- Rengstorff Park Maintenance and Tennis Buildings (CIP Project 21-48): Opening construction bids on May 25 for work starting in June.
- Transit Center Grade Separation and Access Project (CIP Project 21-35): Staff is working with six artists identified from Round One jurying to execute short form agreements. City has not received W-9s for all the artists yet; therefore, contract execution is delayed. Round Two jurying is going to be pushed beyond the anticipated June VAC meeting. Will discuss more with the VAC on the timing issue at the June meeting.

Public Comment: None.

6.2 UPDATE FROM AD HOC COMMITTEE RELATED TO PUBLIC ART STRATEGY

Ad Hoc Committee members (Cupp, Merhar, Sakols) shared with the larger Committee updates on their research on Mountain View-based artists along with identifying public art (private and public) throughout Mountain View. This work will both help inform the work of the Public Art Strategy along with allowing for the Public Art map currently accessible online to be updated. The Committee asked for additional Committee member assistance in completing the review of the public art inventory. Committee member Bryant volunteered to assist with finding some of the missing pieces and taking pictures.

Public Comment: None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 DISCUSS ANNUAL VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE WORK PLAN UPDATE

Per City Council Policy A-23, the Committee reviewed and discussed changes to the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Work Plan. Suggestions included better sequential alignment amongst the work plan items along with specific word modifications. Staff will bring back for consideration and adoption the work plan with changes recommended by the VAC at its June meeting.

Public Comment: None.

8. COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee member Bryant shared an update from the 749 West El Camino Real project that is proposed at the corner of El Camino Real and Castro Street (Chase Bank). committee member Bryant attended a community meeting for the project. The developers of the project noted the Millard Sheets Mosaic from 1979 on the current building could be saved and are proposing two options: the first is to incorporate the panels into the Plaza area of the proposed project. The second is to add the panels to a newly created wall. A couple of the public comments heard at the meeting included donating the piece to the City and that the panel pieces need to remain together as the mosaic tells a story.

Public Comment: None.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

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

Approved on _____.

JL/S/CDD

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