

MINUTES

SPECIAL MEETING – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 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 Susi Merhar, Tootoo Thomson, Don Whitebread, and Chair Jesse Cupp.

Absent: Committee members Cliff Bryant (excused), Regina Sakols (excused), and Vice Chair Toni Hsu (excused).

Staff Present: John Lang, Economic Vitality Manager.

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes of the June 8, 2022 and August 24, 2022 meetings were distributed prior to the meeting and approved as distributed.

Motion—M/S Merhar/Whitebread—Carried 4-0-3; Bryant, Sakols, and Hsu absent—
To approve the June 8, 2022 and August 24, 2022 minutes as presented.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Bruce England provided the following public comments:

Is there an opportunity for the Visual Arts Committee (VAC) to partner or participate in the Heritage Park project (Pollinator Garden) being done by the Girl Scouts? The VAC should consider ways to incorporate landscaping and art placement interrelatedly. Related to the conversation held at the last Downtown Committee meeting regarding the use of vinyl sheeting for activating vacant storefront windows, it would be preferred to see more historical artifacts or information about Mountain

View instead of decorative vinyl sheet.. Additionally, more private project art collaboration would be desired, as noted in the current work plan for the VAC.

5. UPCOMING AGENDA TOPICS

- In the October Center for the Performing Arts Call for Artists for 2023, the VAC may want to consider a theme or category relative to the call for art.
- Evelyn Avenue and Villa Street Mini-Parks are both upcoming Council Policy K-5 projects.
- Placemaking opportunities related to Pedestrian Mall Interim and long-term capital improvement program (CIP) projects.
- Continued work on the Public Art Strategy.
- Discuss how art placement and landscaping integration can be further explored.

Public Comment: Bruce England commented on the opportunity for more cohesion on the various downtown CIP projects under way that will trigger individual public art projects.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 CIP PUBLIC ART PROJECT UPDATES

- Pyramid Park, Project 21-45: Construction complete. Grand opening scheduled for the morning of September 24, 2022.
- Fayette Park, Project 20-48: Construction contract is in progress and construction anticipated to begin late September. Estimated completion late spring/early summer 2023.
- Rengstorff Park Maintenance and Tennis Building Replacement, Project 21-48: Wrapping up design and will advertise October/November. Construction anticipated to start early 2023.

Public Comment: None.

6.2 ADOPT FISCAL YEAR 2022-23 ANNUAL VAC WORK PLAN

Economic Development staff highlighted and summarized the included changes to the work plan resulting from the June 8, 2022 Visual Arts Committee meeting.

Motion—M/S Cupp/Whitebread—Carried 4-0-3; Bryant, Sakols, and Hsu absent—To approve the 2022-23 Annual Work Plan.

Public Comment: Bruce England commented legislative priority recommendations should come through the Committee work plans. Could the work plans be adopted earlier?

7. NEW BUSINESS

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

Motion—M/S Cupp/Merhar—Carried 4-0-3; Bryant, Sakols, and Hsu 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.

8. COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, COMMITTEE REPORTS

Staff commented that a deaccessioning policy will help address what do with aged or outdated public art and will be brought back under the Public Art Strategy conversation. Committee member Merhar asked if the City has its own historian. Committee member Merhar was interested in understanding the surface and finish of the prefab buildings for the Rengstorff buildings and the proposed murals.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

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

Approved on _____.

JL/6/CDD
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