

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023
ATRIUM CONFERENCE ROOM – 500 CASTRO STREET
6:00 P.M.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Chair Jesse Cupp.

2. **ROLL CALL**

Present: Vice Chair Susi Merhar and Chair Jesse Cupp.

Absent: Cliff Bryant (excused), Toni Hsu (excused), Regina Sakols (excused), Tootoo Thomson (unexcused), and Don Whitebread (unexcused).

Staff Present: John Lang, Economic Vitality Manager.

3. **MINUTES APPROVAL**—No quorum and no action.

4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Andy Lick, Mountain View resident, shared looking into Cubberley Artist Studio Program (e.g. City of Palo Alto) as a way to provide mentorship and contribute to the vibrancy of Mountain View. Jasmin Aber, Mountain View resident, mentioned real estate is so expensive, and how can the VAC help artists?

5. **UPCOMING AGENDA TOPICS**

- Discuss, “How does the VAC support artists seeking grant funds for public art opportunities?”
- Look into how Percent for Art funding can be implemented for other government entities doing projects in Mountain View, Caltrans as an example.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 CIP PUBLIC ART PROJECT UPDATES

- Rengstorff Park Aquatics Center (CIP Project 18-38): All artists are working on their respective pieces from the Aquatics Center.
- Fayette Park (CIP Project 20-48): Fayette Park has completed construction. The park has a grand opening on October 18, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.
- Rengstorff Park Maintenance and Tennis Buildings (CIP Project 21-48): Staff will be presenting selected designs by Fernanda Martinez and Harumo Sato to the Youth Advisory Committee on October 30, 2023 and Senior Advisory Committee on October 18, 2023.
- Transit Center Grade Separation and Access Project (CIP Project 21-35): The selected artist has met with City staff and recently met with the architect of the project. The work on a contract is beginning.
- Evelyn Park (CIP Project 21-60): The City has received 13 applications thus far, and the City engineering team is evaluating proposals for constructability. The VAC will start jurying, concluding the analysis.

Public Comment: Jasmin Aber asked about where information could be found regarding the Call for Artists.

6.2 UPDATE BY AD HOC COMMITTEE WORKING ON PUBLIC ART STRATEGY ELEMENTS

The Vice Chair provided an overview of recommended changes as noted in the staff memorandum to the proposed the goals, strategies, and actions.

Public Comment: Jasmin Aber inquired how the public art strategy supports young people to stay in Mountain View and also asked: What does it take to establish an art and culture committee?

7. **NEW BUSINESS**—None.

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

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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

Approved on _____.

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