



**VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE**

## **MINUTES**

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REGULAR MEETING—WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2025  
PLAZA CONFERENCE ROOM—500 CASTRO STREET  
6:00 P.M.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair Susi Merhar.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Committee members Cliff Bryant, Joe Medwid, Vice Chair Regina Sakols, and Chair Susi Merhar.

**Absent:** Committee member Tootoo Thomson (unexcused), Lacy Rathbun (unexcused), Stephanie Spaid (unexcused).

**Staff Present:** Kirstin Hinds, Economic Development Strategist; Amanda Rotella, Economic Vitality Manager; Deanna Talavera, Senior Housing Officer.

**3. MINUTES APPROVAL**

The minutes from the June 11, 2025, meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and approved as distributed.

**Motion**—M/S Sakols/Bryant—Carried 5-0-2; Rathbun and Thomson absent—To approve the minutes of the June 11, 2025, meeting as presented.

**4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**—None.

**5. UPCOMING AGENDA TOPICS**

None.

## 6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 6.1 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PUBLIC ART PROJECT UPDATES

*Item 6.1 was taken out of order and heard after item 7.1.*

Staff provided an update on public art at Evelyn Park, Villa-Chiquita Park, Rengstorff tennis and maintenance buildings, Shoreline Boathouse, and the Castro Street Bollard Beautification project.

Public Comment: None.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS

### 7.1 LOT 12 PUBLIC ART PLAN OVERVIEW AND APPOINTMENT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE

*Item 7.1 was taken out of order and heard before Item 6.1.*

**Presentation:** City staff, Kirstin Hinds (Economic Development Strategist, Community Development Department) and Deanna Talavera (Senior Housing Officer, Housing Department), alongside the Lot 12 affordable housing project developer team, provided an overview project and the associated public art plan. Staff requested that the VAC appoint two to three members to an ad hoc subcommittee to provide input during the proposal and design selection process.

**Discussion:** The VAC inquired about viewpoints for the public art locations, the budget for public art, the expected number of art pieces, and the inclusion of art and design elements throughout the project site's interior and exterior. The Developer Team clarified that the project budget is \$75,000 and that they anticipate one to three public art pieces, depending on the proposals received.

Chair Merhar requested that the Developer Team work with the full VAC to review the shortlist of artist design proposals. She further suggested collaborating with the City Manager's Office Multicultural Engagement Program Division (MEP Team) and future residents of the site. Staff clarified that the MEP Team's official role is to provide translation services and that outreach to future residents will be considered. Chair Merhar also requested clarification on the public's use of the affordable housing community space. The Developer Team clarified that rentals are allowed through the property management, provided that residents are invited to use the space during the rental.

VAC members Joe Medwid, Cliff Bryant, and Susi Merhar offered to join the ad hoc subcommittee.

Public Comment: None.

**Motion—M/S**      Sakols/Bryant—Carried 4-0-3; Thomson, Rathbun, Spaid absent—To appoint Joe Medwid, Cliff Bryant, and Susi Merhar to the ad hoc subcommittee to support the Lot 12 affordable housing project public art plan.

## 8. COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cliff Bryant announced that he is exhibiting two pieces of artwork in San Francisco in January.

Regina Sakols reminded the VAC that the Mountain View Center for Performing Arts will host a pilot artist reception on February 17 with exhibiting artist Donald Hershman.

Staff provided the following updates:

- Public Art Strategy online survey ends December 14.
- Robin Bernstein will install her artwork on Tuesday, December 16, in place of artist Dana Mano-Flank.

Public Comment: None.

## 9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

These Minutes are hereby submitted for approval by Kirstin Hinds, Recording Secretary.

Approved on February 11, 2026.

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