

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING—WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025
ATRIUM CONFERENCE ROOM AT CITY HALL – 500 CASTRO STREET
6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Susi Merhar called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent (Excused): Committee members Stephanie Spaid and Tootoo Thomson.

Staff Present: Kirstin Hinds, Economic Development Strategist.

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes of May 14, 2025 were distributed prior to the meeting and approved as distributed.

Motion—M/S Sakols/Bryant—Carried 5-0-2; Spaid and Thomson absent—To approve the minutes of the May 14, 2025 meeting as presented.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

NONE.

5. UPCOMING AGENDA TOPICS

Vice Chair Sakols asked to discuss the Ad Hoc Committee with the Visual Arts, Performing Arts, and Downtown Committees.

Committee member Bryant to discuss a grand opening ceremony for the Train Depot building.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PUBLIC ART PROJECT UPDATES

Staff provided an update on the public art contracts for public art at Evelyn Park, Villa-Chiquita Park, Rengstorff tennis and maintenance buildings, and Shoreline Boathouse.

Public Comment: None.

6.2 ADOPT VAC FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 WORK PLAN

Staff asked the Visual Arts Committee to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-26 Workplan. The committee discussed the following changes:

Move Future Item C. "Collaborate with the Chamber of Commerce...", to E. Ongoing Work Items and remove the milestone regarding temporary art exhibits.

Change Future Work Item B. "Understand the protocols, procedures, and opportunities..." to a milestone for the Future Work Item A. "Implement the Mountain View Public Art Strategy," and change the word "understand" to "develop."

Add a milestone to Fiscal Year 2025-26 Work Item 1. "Develop a Public Art Strategy" to include the following text: *Explore opportunities to mark the Public Art Strategy Completion and Adoption, and implement selected opportunities.*

Motion—M/S Sakols/Bryant—Carried 5-0-2; Medwid and Rathbun absent—To adopt the Visual Arts Committee Workplan for Fiscal Year 2025-26 with changes as discussed.

Public Comment: None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None.

8. COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, COMMITTEE REPORTS

Staff provided several updates:

1. Related to the work with Arts Mountain View and their art donation for the train depot, City staff are preparing a memorandum summarizing the proposal and the

Visual Arts Committee's recommendation to send to the City Manager for review. VAC asked to explore an unveiling of the art at some point in the future.

2. City Council Policy K-02, Boards, Commissions, and Committees, defines eligibility criteria for having a meeting absence excused.
3. There are no regular meetings in July, August, or January.
4. The contract with consultant Art Builds Community to develop the Public Art Strategy and conduct community outreach has kicked off. Asked the committee to share any initial thoughts with Staff to include in their research.
5. The Council requested Staff to bring a recommendation for a full-time public art staff person at the mid-year budget update in December.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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

Approved on 11/12/2025.