

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2024
ATRIUM CONFERENCE ROOM – 500 CASTRO STREET
6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Committee member Jesse Cupp.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Committee members Cliff Bryant, Jesse Cupp, Lacy Rathbun (virtual), Tootoo Thomson, and Don Whitebread.

Absent: Vice Chair Regina Sakols (excused) and Chair Susi Merhar (excused).

Staff Present: John Lang, Economic Vitality Manager; and David Printy, Principal Project Manager.

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes from the February 14, 2024 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and approved as distributed.

Motion—M/S Bryant/Whitebread—Carried 5-0-2 (Merhar, Sakols absent)—To approve the minutes of the February 14, 2024 meeting as presented.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC—None.

5. UPCOMING AGENDA TOPICS

- Council Policy K-5 review.
- Meeting with other committees.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PROGRAM PUBLIC ART PROJECT UPDATES

Staff provided updates on Capital Improvement Projects, including Rengstorff Aquatics Center (18-38), Rengstorff Park Maintenance and Tennis Buildings (21-48), Transit Center Grade Separation and Access Project (21-35), Evelyn Park (21-60), and Villa-Chiquita Park (21-61).

Public Comment: Bruce England noted that the money set aside for the new public safety building public art component is larger than the money set aside for the Transit Center Grade Separation project, which is much more publicly visible.

6.2 DISCUSSION ON CITY COUNCIL DIRECTION FOR EVELYN PARK, PROJECT 21-60

Staff shared the City Council's feedback associated with the project referral back to the Committee to address the ground-level experience of the butterfly sculpture, the lighting associated with the piece, and dark skies guidelines.

Looking Up Art shared a revised sculpture concept based upon Council's feedback. The revised concept allows for more natural light to come through the top of the butterflies as well as incorporating fewer LED lights within the inside of the sculpture to light within. The lights would be able to turn off at a specified time.

The Committee's feedback was for staff to work with Looking Up Art to address lighting that is consistent with other lighting standards in Mountain View parks. The item will return to next Committee meeting for further consideration.

Public Comment: Bruce England commented that the butterfly sculpture should incorporate some habitat for the butterflies, and use more natural materials instead of steel poles to secure the butterflies so as to not have the butterflies appear to be pinned.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 DISCUSSION ON JOINT MEETING WITH THE PERFORMING ARTS COMMITTEE

Staff asked the Committee for agenda topics and areas of interest that they would like to explore with the Performing Arts Committee in a joint meeting.

- Collaborate on marketing arts and culture in Mountain View.
 - Parks and Recreation schedule of class booklet.
- Expand areas within the Center for the Performing Arts (CPA) for art display.
- Would be interested in any feedback or observations from CPA audience with art in the CPA.
- Could an event be held where art (performing and visual) could be combined and hosted in the CPA? An example of Destination Imagination was referenced.
- Host a meet the artist event (support facility rental).

Public Comment: None.

8. COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, COMMITTEE REPORTS

Staff shared with the Committee that the Study Session for Public Art Strategy that was scheduled to happen in May 2024 is being pushed to a future agenda after the summer recess.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

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

Approved on _____.