

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING—WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2026
PLAZA 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 Chair Susi Merhar.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Committee members Cliff Bryant, Joe Medwid, Lacy Rathbun, Stephanie Spaid, Tootoo Thomson (arrived at 6:05 p.m.), Vice Chair Regina Sakols, and Chair Susi Merhar.

Staff Present: Kirstin Hinds, Economic Development Strategist; Amanda Rotella, Economic Vitality Manager.

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes from the December 10, 2025, meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and approved as distributed.

Motion—M/S Sakols/Bryant—Carried 7-0 —To approve the minutes of the December 10, 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

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

Public Comment: None.

6.2 2026 MOUNTAIN VIEW CENTER FOR PERFORMING ARTS LOBBY EXHIBIT SELECTION

The Visual Arts Committee discussed the top-scoring applications to exhibit at the Mountain View Center for Performing Arts. Staff proposed extending the exhibit timeline to allow all ten top artists to exhibit, and staff will coordinate scheduling.

Public Comment: None.

Motion—M/S Thomson/Sakols—Carried 7-0 —To approve the selection of the top ten art applications for the Mountain View Center for the Performing Arts exhibitions, including the following: Chao Ding, Susan Costes, Susan Chan, May Shei, John Whitmarsh, Servane Briand, Zoe Caron, Ora Clay, Rana Davis, and Sixian Wang.

6.3 VISUAL ARTS, DOWNTOWN, PERFORMING ARTS AD HOC SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATE

Staff and the Ad Hoc Committee Members, Regina Sakols and Stephanie Spaid, reminded the committee of the Don Hershman artist reception and gallery talk on February 17, 2026.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The VAC discussed Chair and Vice Chair duties and elected Vice Chair Regina Sakols to serve as Chair, and committee member Cliff Bryant to serve as Vice Chair.

Public Comment: None.

Motion—M/S Merhar/Rathbun—Carried 7-0 —To appoint Regina Sakols as Chair, and Cliff Bryant as Vice Chair.

8. COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, COMMITTEE REPORTS

Staff provided updates on some feedback received through the Public Art Strategy community survey. Staff also shared the opportunity to participate in the Multicultural Festival through an art exhibit, performance, or at a community booth.

Public Comment: None.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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

Approved on _____.