

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING—WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 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 Chair Susi Merhar.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Committee members Cliff Bryant, Jesse Cupp, Don Whitebread, Vice Chair Regina Sakols, and Chair Susi Merhar.

Absent: Committee members Lacy Rathbun (excused) and Tootoo Thomson (excused).

Staff Present: John Lang, Economic Vitality Manager; Kirstin Hinds, Economic Development Strategist; Ayano Hattori, Senior Project Manager; David Printy, Principal Project Manager; and Brady Ruebusch, Shoreline Manager.

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes from the June 12, 2024 and August 14, 2024 meetings were distributed prior to the meeting and approved as distributed.

Motion—M/S Sakols/Whitebread—Carried 5-0-2; Rathbun and Thomson absent—To approve the minutes of the June 12, 2024 and August 14, 2024 meetings as presented.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC—None.

5. UPCOMING AGENDA TOPICS.

- Discuss VTA Mural Project

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6.1 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PROGRAM PUBLIC ART PROJECT UPDATES

All art installations are complete for Rengstorff Aquatics Center (Project 18-38). There is not a current date for the grand opening as the project is still going through testing. As soon as information is available on the Rengstorff Grade Separation Project, staff will be able to provide an update on the Transit Center Grade Separation and Access Project (Project 21-35).

Committee Member Bryant asked about the status of the Castro Street Bollards painting project. Staff noted contracts are currently pending per legal guidance on recent State decisions on labor compliance.

Public Comment: None.

6.2 SHORELINE BOATHOUSE EXPANSION, PROJECT 20-39, JURYING

Staff presented the Jurying results from the Shoreline Boathouse Expansion Call for Artists. The VAC went through the jurying results and discussed the top 12 highest scores from the initial jurying.

Artist Information		Jurying Results					
Artist Name	Description	Mean	Median	Mode	Low	High	Range
Galloway, Stephen	Wall art—porcelain enamel on steel	6.0	7	7	2	7	5
Bricca, Morgan	Wall art + bench—mural	5.1	7	7	1	7	6
Gaudet, Anne-Sophie	Bench only—latex exterior paint	4.9	5	7	2	7	5
Bassoff, Solomon	Bench only—mosaics	4.6	4	7	1	7	6
Jones, Angie	Wall art—Fiberglass sculpture and dyed clear-resin sculptures with LED lights	4.1	3	7	2	7	5
Vervialle Ngo, Armelle	Wall art—murals	4.0	4	2	1	7	6
Nozick, Lori	Wall art—patina steel sheet metal with UV protectant sealant on both sides	4.0	3	2	2	7	5
Engelmann, Julie	Wall art—mural	3.9	4	4	1	7	6

Artist Information		Jurying Results					
Artist Name	Description	Mean	Median	Mode	Low	High	Range
de Wit, Lea	Wall art—metal (copper) and glass sculpture	3.7	4	4	2	6	4
Peterson, James	Wall art—Stainless steel sculpture with LED backlighting	3.7	3	2	2	7	5
Smith, Timothy	Wall art—mural	3.7	4	4	1	7	6
Powell, Eric	Wall art—painted steel sculptures	3.7	4	4	1	6	5

Motion—M/S Bryant/Sakols —Carried 5-0-2; Rathbun and Thomson absent— Approve artist Stephen Galloway’s proposal for Boathouse Wall Locations 1, 2, and 3 for \$121,100. Approve the purchase of the Gus Hybrid bench from Nobile Wins for \$11,209, and the mural proposal by Anne-Sophie Gaudet for \$4,000, for a total of \$14,209 to be paid from the General Fund or, alternatively, from the Fire Station 5 reserved funding.

If the bench becomes unavailable, or funding for the bench from the General Fund or the Fire Station 5 reserve is not approved, proceed with Stephen Galloway’s proposal for \$121,100. If Stephen Galloway is unavailable, the alternate artist choice is Morgan Bricca’s mural proposal for \$121,200.

Public Comment: None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 BRIEFING ON SVCREATES JUNE ROUNDTABLE

Staff shared a presentation that was given at the June 28, 2024 Municipal Arts Roundtable meeting. Staff shared that the attendees were other municipal organizations learning about different art programs and funding mechanisms.

Committee Member Bryant asked about what lessons were learned from the meeting. Staff shared that the information on other funding mechanisms was new information and could be incorporated into the planned Council Study Session on Public Art on October 22, 2024.

Public Comment: None.

8. COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, COMMITTEE REPORTS

Staff informed the VAC about the VTA Funded Mural Project would follow the K-6 Donation Policy.

Staff reminded the VAC about the upcoming City Council Study Session for Public Art on October 22, 2024.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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

Approved on _____.

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