

## **MINUTES**

---

---

REGULAR MEETING—WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2024  
ATRIUM CONFERENCE ROOM—500 CASTRO STREET  
6:00 P.M.

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chair Susi Merhar.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Committee members Cliff Bryant (virtual), Jesse Cupp, Tootoo Thomas (virtual), Don Whitebread, Lacy Rathbun, and Chair Susi Merhar.

**Absent:** Vice Chair Regina Sakols (excused).

**Staff Present:** John Lang, Economic Vitality Manager; and Kirstin Hinds, Economic Development Strategist.

**3. MINUTES APPROVAL**

The minutes from the November 13, 2024 meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and approved as distributed.

**Motion—M/S** Rathbun/Cupp—Carried 6-0-1; Sakols absent—To approve the minutes of the November 13, 2024 meeting as presented.

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

**5. UPCOMING AGENDA TOPICS**

The VAC requested the following to be on an upcoming agenda:

- Community space for artists to do work (what can we do, what are challenges).

**6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6.1 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM PUBLIC ART PROJECT UPDATES**

Staff provided an update on the Rengstorff Park Maintenance and Tennis Buildings, the Rengstorff Park Aquatics Center, and the Shoreline Boathouse Expansion projects. The Committee asked that Economic Vitality staff continue to update artists on projects and findings that impact their art.

**6.2 UPDATE FROM AD HOC COMMITTEE**

Ad Hoc Committee members, Chair Merhar and Committee Member Bryant, provided an update on the Ad Hoc Committee's efforts working with Arts Mountain View. To date, the Ad Hoc Committee has helped Arts Mountain View identify potential artists to work with as part of a proposal to place art on the Train Depot Building.

**6.3 NEXT STEPS TO PREPARING A PUBLIC ART STRATEGY**

Staff provided an update on City Council feedback at the October 22, 2024 Study Session on a Public Art Strategy and discussed a community outreach plan for the Public Art Strategy. Staff asked the VAC to provide feedback on the community outreach plan. The VAC's feedback included expanding key stakeholders to include community representatives from neighborhoods without established neighborhood associations, high school students, local arts organizations (Pacific Art League, Cubberly, Artists Mountain View), and local multi-cultural organizations. Chair Merhar suggested that the VAC members assist with focus group meetings.

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

**7.1 RECOGNITION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS CUPP AND WHITEBREAD**

Staff recognized Cupp and Whitebread for their 10-year commitment to the Visual Arts Committee.

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

Staff updated the VAC on the appointment process for new VAC members.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

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

Approved on \_\_\_\_\_.

KH/4/CDD  
816-12-11-24mn