

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING—WEDNESDAY, MARCH 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, Tootoo Thomson (arrived at 6:06 p.m.), Vice Chair Regina Sakols, and Chair Susi Merhar.

Absent: Stephanie Spaid

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

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

The minutes from the February 11, 2026, meeting were distributed prior to the meeting and approved as distributed.

Motion—M/S Sakols/Bryant—Carried 6-0-1; Spaid Absent —To approve the minutes of the February 11, 2026, 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 Park tennis and maintenance buildings, Shoreline Boathouse expansion, the Train Depot art project, and the Castro Street Bollard Beautification project.

Public Comment: None.

6.2 PUBLIC ART STRATEGY: COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

Staff and consultant group Art Builds Community provided an overview of the feedback received through the multi-channel community engagement efforts.

Public Comment: None.

7. NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

8. COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, COMMITTEE REPORTS

Staff provided the following updates:

- City Council approved the budget request to fund a public art staff person.
- April 2026 is Arts, Culture, and Creativity month; the mayor will present a proclamation to the Community School of Music and Arts in recognition of their contribution to the City.
- The Lot 12 affordable housing project has commenced; the ground-breaking ceremony is anticipated to occur in spring 2026, followed by public art engagement.
- The Council approved an update to the façade improvement grant program to increase the funding amount from a 50% match to a 75% match from the City, and also to create a standalone mural grant that will allow artists to apply on behalf of businesses and property owners (with their consent).

Public Comment: None.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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

Approved on _____.