

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING—WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 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, Lacy Rathbun, and Chair Susi Merhar.

Absent (Excused): Vice Chair Regina Sakols, Tootoo Thomson, and Don Whitebread.

Staff Present: John Lang, Economic Vitality Manager; Kirstin Hinds, Economic Development Strategist; Marichrisse Hoang, Associate Civil Engineer; and David Printy, Principal Project Manager.

3. MINUTES APPROVAL

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

Motion—M/S Bryant/Rathbun—Carried 4-0-3; Sakols, Thomson, Whitebread absent—To approve the minutes of the March 13, 2024 meeting as presented.

4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC—None.

5. UPCOMING AGENDA TOPICS

- Voting by proxy for an absent Committee member.

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), Villa-Chiquita Park (21-61), and Sylvan Park (21-46). Staff showed photographs of the art in progress for Rengstorff Park Aquatics Center (18-38).

Public Comment: None.

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

Staff shared an update on the Looking Up Arts revised “Butterfly Reflect” art. The Committee discussed the revised art in relation to the ground-level experience of the butterfly sculpture, the lighting associated with the piece, and dark skies guidelines.

Public Comment: Bruce England commented that he is opposed to the art but likes that the lighting can be adjusted; he would prefer to place art on the pavers instead of the sculpture.

Motion—M/S Cupp/Merhar—Carried 3-1-3—Bryant no; Sakols, Thomson, Whitebread absent—To recommend that the City Council accept Looking Up Arts’ revised proposal, allow lighting to be on between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m., and allow the artist to pursue the stamping of the pavers if feasible within the project budget.

7. NEW BUSINESS

7.1 DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC ART CONTENT WITHIN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WEBSITE

Staff showed the public art content on the City’s Economic Development website (www.econdev.mountainview.gov/public-art) and asked the Committee to provide feedback on the content included. Feedback included:

- Adding more photos with descriptions of art and artists information.
- Shortening content and creating more separation between topics.

- Cross referencing links in each section and on the Committee page.
- Creating a “Gallery” tab to include photos of public art in Mountain View, or links directly to each piece in the Public Art Map.
- Featuring the art displays in the Center for the Performing Arts Lobby and Community Development Department lobby.

Public Comment: None.

7.2 PRESENTATION BY ARTS MOUNTAIN VIEW

NOTE: Item 7.2 was considered out of agenda order.

Anita Rosen provided an update to the Visual Arts Committee on Arts Mountain View and their efforts to create a mural program, and a fiberglass figure fundraiser.

Public Comment: None.

7.3 PRESENTATION ON SVCREATES

Chair Merhar and staff provided an update on the SVCreates partnership and an overview of the recent SVCreates Municipal Roundtable event.

Public Comment: None.

8. COMMITTEE/STAFF COMMENTS, QUESTIONS, COMMITTEE REPORTS

Staff shared two upcoming grant opportunities, including:

1. Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) “Transit Oriented Communities Grant” that can fund placemaking efforts near VTA stations.
2. Grant writing workshop for the 2024 California Arts Council grant, hosted by SVCreates on April 24.

Staff also shared with the Committee that staff will be discussing a call for artists to paint the round cement bollards at the crosswalks at the closed sections of Castro Street. The program will be similar to the utility box painting program.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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

Approved on _____.

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