
Public Art Committee

Charlie McCollum, Chair
Janett Peace, Vice-Chair

Jonathan Borca
Lynne Rosenthal
Shelby Taketa

Public Art Advisory Committee
Chris Arkley, Ruben Dario Villa

MINUTES: Regular Meeting on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, 5:30 PM
Hybrid Meeting, held at San José City Hall, Tower, 5th Floor T-550 and via Zoom

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

Chair Peace called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: Commissioners Janett Peace, Jonathan Borca, Steven Martinez, Lynne Rosenthal, Shelby Taketa

PAAC Members: Ruben Dario Villa (Zoom).

ABSENT: None.

STAFF: Public Art Director Michael Ogilvie, Sr. Project Manager Mary Rubin; Sr. Project Manager Lynn Rogers, Public Art Program Coordinator Cynthia Cao, Arts Program Coordinator Tina Iv

Guest Presenters: Artists Laura Haddad, Carlos Rodriguez, Amir Fallah

II. Public Record

None.

III. Public Comment

Comment from members of the public were heard.

IV. Consent Calendar

A. ACTION: Approved the minutes for the regular meeting on Tuesday, August 8, 2023.

Move/2nd: L. Rosenthal/S. Taketa: Passed 3/0: Yes: J. Peace, S. Taketa, L. Rosenthal; No: None; Abstentions: J. Borca, S. Martinez (was not present at August 8 meeting.)

V. Reports

A. Chair – Janett Peace
No report.

B. Public Art Director Michael Ogilvie
Public Art Director Ogilvie's report:

- 1) The Veterans' Memorial has again been vandalized, this time four of its custom glass panels were smashed. The City is working with Adobe to get its security camera footage which has been very helpful in prior incidents. Cost estimate for repair is underway.

- 2) Had Mary Rubin provide an update on 1 Day/1 Action activities, and she shared how to engaged and support the artists' engagement process

VI. New Business

A. Reports & Presentations

1. REPORTS

- a. None.

2. ARTIST SELECTION

- a. **REPORT:** Report presented on the selection of artists Lacey Bryant and Elba Martinez for design and creation of two murals: one at Fair Swim Center and one at Tully Branch Library, (District 7)

Presented by Public Art Program Coordinator Cynthia Cao

B. Action Items

1. CONCEPT and SCHEMATIC DESIGN PROPOSAL

- a. **ACTION: Approved the recommendation to VTA to approve the proposed design concept by artists Laura Haddad and Tom Drugan for the VTA Light Rail at Eastridge Station.** (District 8)
Move/2nd: L. Rosenthal/J. Borca: Passed 3/2: Yes: J. Peace, S. Taketa, L. Rosenthal; No: J. Borca, S. Martinez.

Presented by Sr. Public Art Project Manager Mary Rubin and artist Laura Haddad (via Zoom) with input from VTA

Commissioners and public comment centered around questions as to how the design reflected or connected with the area and community, and there were significant questions about the community engagement process.

- b. **ACTION: Approved the recommendation to VTA to approve the design concept by artist Amir Fallah for the VTA Light Rail at Story Road Station.** (District 5)
Move/2nd: S. Taketa/L. Rosenthal/S. Martinez: Passed 5/0: Yes: J. Peace, J. Borca, S. Martinez, S. Taketa, L. Rosenthal; No: None.

Presented by Sr. Public Art Project Manager Mary Rubin and artist Amir Fallah (via Zoom)

Concept proposal was generally very well-received by the Commissioners and others who commented.

2. DESIGN and DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

- a. **ACTION: Approved artist Carlos Rodriguez's Concept & Design Proposal for the mural project at Plata Arroyo Park.** (District 5)
Move/2nd: L. Rosenthal/S. Taketa; Passed 5/0: Yes: J. Peace, J. Borca, S. Martinez, S. Taketa, L. Rosenthal; No: None.

Public Art Project Manager Cynthia Cao and artist Carlos Rodriguez (via Zoom).

- b. ACTION: Approved artist Robin Gibson's Concept & Design Proposal for a mural project at 4th and San Fernando Parking Garage. (District 3)**
Move/2nd: S. Martinez/L. Rosenthal/S. Taketa; Passed 5/0: Yes: J. Peace, J. Borca, S. Martinez, S. Taketa, L. Rosenthal; No: None.

Public Art Project Manager Cynthia Cao and artist Robin Gibson (via Zoom).

- c. Other Items**
None.

VII. Continuing/Old Business

- A. Updates were provided on continuing projects.
Written report highlighting updates on continuing projects was reviewed. Public Art Director M. Ogilvie was available for questions and comments from the Committee.

VIII. Meeting Schedule

It was announced that the next regular meeting of the Public Art Committee is **Tuesday, December 3, 2023**. It will continue to be hybrid, with the in-person meeting held in the City Hall Tower, 5th Floor, Conference Room T-550.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at **7:25 PM**

ATTEST:

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE SECRETARY

Lynn Rogers

Recorded by LYNN ROGERS, SR. PROGRAM OFFICER