

PUBLIC ART STAFF REPORT

Selected activities organized by goals in *Cultural Connection: San José's Cultural Plan*

Cultural Connection Goal: Integrate High Impact Public Art & Urban Design throughout the Community

Airport Art:

- **Art Window** – Staff is doing background research for a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for a new commission to be sited in the Art Window platform at the Airport, located adjacent to the TSA Pre-Check lanes.
- **Ecloud** – Working with a local consultant, the operating system on a new solid state hard drive has been restored. The sculpture's LCD panels are operational, although the contrast between the transparent/opaque made has degraded. Staff is currently working with consultants to restore data feed to reflect current weather.

Almaden Branch Library and Community Center – The Community Visioning Meeting with artist Nigel Sussman will be held on Wednesday, December 6 at Almaden Community Center.

Alviso Branch Library – Artist Morgan Bricca was selected from the Public Art Program's Mural Artists Roster for a mural commission on an interior wall. Contracting with the artist is in process.

Bassett Park (AHSC Grant) – Parks department has reactivated the Bassett Park project. Included in the park design is artist Vicki Scuri's illuminated streetscape pedestrian light elements. The base construction project schedule has been reset which impacts the completion date for the public art; its completion goal is now planned for 2026. Staff is working with the artist and a fabricator to finalize the fabrication plan for these lantern artworks.

Camden Community Center - Artist Robert Minervini was selected from the Public Art Program's Mural Artists Roster for a mural commission on an exterior wall. Contracting with the artist is in process.

County of Santa Clara – City recently completed negotiations with County to assist with the management of their percent for art program on Capital Improvement Projects as well as one gallery space at the County of Santa Clara Civic Center. Approval of agreement between City and County occurred at the City Council meeting on June 20, 2023, and at the County of Santa Clara Board of Supervisors meeting on June 27, 2023. Staff has been assigned County projects and the transfer of project management duties to City staff is ongoing.

- **Animal Shelter:** Artwork is currently in production with installation anticipated Spring 2024. In preparation for the sculptures, site work is scheduled to be complete mid-January 2024.
- **Valley Health Center – Morgan Hill:** City staff is working on an invitational RFQ to local art galleries for original artworks for permanent display at VHC with installation anticipated Spring 2024.
- **Behavioral Health Services Center:** City staff is working with architect and consultant for curated interior artworks, and one large exterior artwork by artist Jim Sanborn.

Environmental Services Department (ESD) Projects:

- **Don Edwards (DENWR) National Wildlife Refuge and Guadalupe River Park/Children's Discovery Museum (GRP/CDM)** – The DENWR project by artist Mark Brest Van Kempen is substantially completed and GRP/CDM project is anticipated for completion by Summer 2024.

- **One Day One Action** – *One Day/One Action* is a social media-based public art project designed to reframe how we can all contribute to climate action, one day at a time, both now and in the future. It encourages us to think about the small, everyday actions we can take to positively impact the environment. On October 18, 2023, the artists facilitated an in-person “Climate Café” event for the project partners at Veggielution. The project runs through December 21, 2023, please consider joining *One Day/One Action* to share your ideas, perspectives, and experiences: Instagram: [@1day1actionsj](#) and Facebook: [@OneDayOneActionSJ](#).
- **River Oaks Pump Station** – In consultation with the base project design team, the public art element will be integrated into the site perimeter fence. Artist Michael Amescua’s artwork design development proposal was approved by the PAC in August 2023 and construction documents have been approved; fabrication is underway. The project is scheduled for completion in Summer 2024.
- **Water Resources Administration & Operations Facility** – Revisions to the base building engineering are complete. Artist’s fabricator is working with base project engineer on permit ready drawings or the art panels.

End of Watch Police Memorial – Artist Gordon Huether’s memorial artwork element has been installed at the Police Administration memorial site. A dedication event, intended primarily for families of fallen Officers and SJPd personnel, was held on October 4, 2023.

Fair Swim Center – The Community Visioning Meeting with artist Lacey Bryant will be held Saturday, December 2 at Tully Branch Library.

Fire Station 8 – Bay Area artist Jesse Hernandez’s design for a metal mural on exterior walls of the new facility was approved by the PAC at its June 2023 meeting. His design development proposal is scheduled for review and approval by the PAC at its December meeting. Completion of the fire station is estimated for early 2025.

Fire Station 23 – Project in early planning stages.

Fire Station 36 – Project in early planning stages.

Fourth and San Fernando Parking Garage Mural – PAC approved Robin Gibson’s concept design at their October 3, 2023 meeting. Painting will commence in spring 2024.

Great Oaks Park mural by Stephany Sanchez - (not in Public Art Collection) – Stephany Sanchez painted a mural on the restroom building during the 2019 POWWOW! Festival. The mural surface was tagged, and the surface had some missing paint. Artist Stephany Sanchez was able to complete restoration in September 2023.

Japantown Heinlerville Park/Plaza Art - San José artist Roger Stoller’s sculpture for the park was installed on July 21, 2023. The park and artwork were celebrated at a dedication event held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

Market/San Pedro Parking Garage – The façade project with artist Brian Brush is in construction documentation development. Structural design has been submitted with the base project for a preliminary permit review. The integration of the electrical engineering is in process as is the integration of a future electronic billboard, which is separate from the Public Art project.

MLK Library Maintenance and Conservation – Public Art staff working with joint library staff on conservation and maintenance of the collection. including: English Lit, Vessel, Rosetta, Round Up, Fiction/Fiction and the Milagro Table.

Office of Emergency Management & Fire Department Training Facility Relocation (EOC/FDTF) – Installation of the exterior artwork by artist Johanna Poethig is complete. The process for procuring artwork for the facility interior (Phase 2) is underway; it is focusing primarily on engaging local artists, with up to 30 two-dimensional artworks by San José artists to be commissioned for permanent display in select locations inside the facility. Facility completion is forecasted for early 2024.

Olinder Community Center *Time* Mural – Artist Juan Raul's has started restoration of his *Time* mural. Estimated timeline is 6-8 months until completion.

Plata Arroyo Park Mural – Artist Carlos Rodriguez is currently painting his mural.

Public Art Map (Online) – Staff is working with the City's GIS Enterprise Team on the development of an online map for the City's website that will have many desirable features including links to detailed info in the Public Art Collection webpages on the City's website, the ability to filter by Council Districts, type of location, type of artwork and more, and it can be used as a navigation tool on a mobile device or printed out. Completion is estimated for late Fall.

Pune, India Sister City Statue – (not part of Public Art collection). The Shivaji Maharaj statue was a gift to the City from sister city Pune, India in the late 1990s. The statue has meaning to people from India and many people (residents and visitors from India) visit the Guadalupe River Park trail to see the statue. In recent years the statue has been subject to severe vandalism including removal of the sword, horse tail, and most recently the entire statue was stolen, and then recovered at a melt facility. The artist who created the statue is deceased, and staff is working with the sister city organization to make a restoration assessment. As this is not part of the public art collection, and there is no fund source from public art to restore, funding for restoration remains an open question.

Santa Teresa Library – The Community Visioning meeting with artist Jolene Russell about her mural project there will be held on Thursday, December 14 at Santa Teresa Library.

Sensing You – Staff are working with the city Department of Public Works and KiboWorks on the maintenance of *Sensing You* located on the 87 underpass and Santa Clara Street. It is expected to be complete early 2024.

Sonic Runway – The OEDCA Events Team is working on a schedule of curated events at the site and on-going programming can be found here: <https://www.sanjoseca.gov/your-government/departments-offices/cultural-affairs/public-art/sonic-runway>.

St. James Park – Artist Mark Reigelman Concept was approved by the Public Art Committee in April 2023. He will present his Design Development Proposal to the Public Art Committee at their December 5th meeting.

Thank You America – Engineering phase complete and artist has begun fabrication of the statues. Forecasted completion/installation is Summer 2024.

Tully Branch Library – The Community Visioning Meeting with artist Elba Raquel will be held Saturday, December 2 at Tully Branch Library.

Vineland Branch Library – Staff is organizing a community visioning meeting with the artist Morgan Bricca in January 2024.

Vista Park Neighborhood Center – Artist Roan Victor was selected from the Public Art Program’s Mural Artists Roster for a mural commission on an exterior wall. Contracting with the artist is in process.

VTA-EBRC – Public Art staff is working with VTA on two large-scale projects associated with the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector. Both Eastridge and Story Station Concept proposal were presented to the Public Art Committee on October 3, 2023. Artist Amir Fallah (Story Station) will present his Design Development Proposal in February 2024. He is currently working with local poets for content contributing a layer of that design. The team of Haddad and Drugan are further developing their schematic design for presentation to the Public Art Committee in April 2024.

VTA BART Phase II – VTA staff have yet to identify funding for public art on this project.

Washington Community Center – Artist Desi Mundo held a youth workshop at the community center on November 16, 2023. The artist is working on his concept design and will seek input on the design at an upcoming neighborhood association meeting. His design is expected to come before the PAC at its February 2024 meeting.

Watershed at San Jose Environmental Innovation Center (SJEIC) – Artist Peter Richards is currently working on restoration of his *Watershed* artwork at SJEIC.

Welch Park Neighborhood Center - Artist Andrew Kong Knight was selected from the Public Art Program’s Mural Artists Roster for a mural commission on an exterior wall. Contracting with the artist is in process.

Willow Glen Community Center and Senior Center – Artist Olivia Losee-Unger was selected from the Public Art Program’s Mural Artists Roster for a mural commission on an exterior wall. Contracting with the artist is in process.