

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** – The Art Window platform at the Airport is located adjacent to the TSA Pre-Check lanes. Staff is working with the lenticular printer to troubleshoot compatibility between the printing and lightbox mounting and retrofitting the light boxes from fluorescent ballasts to LED technology to reduce heat loads.
- **Ecloud** – Staff is coordinating annual cleaning of the sculpture by The Window Washers.
- **XO** – In February, Airport staff was trained on how to control the sculpture lighting so it can be programmed for special events. Thus far the colors have been changed for the 49ers, Valentines Day, St. Patrick's Day, and the Nvidia conference.

Almaden Branch Library and Community Center – The Community Visioning Meeting with artist Nigel Sussman was held on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at Almaden Community Center. The artist has developed a mural design concept for presentation to the PAC in April.

Bassett Park (Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Grant Project) – 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. The completion goal is now planned for 2026. Staff is working with the artist and 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. Community outreach was held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024. The artist is currently conducting independent research for a mural design concept.

County of Santa Clara – City 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. Below is a list of current County projects:

- **Animal Shelter:** Artwork by artist Ivan Depeña is currently in production. Concrete foundations are poured, and installation is scheduled the week of April 22, 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.
- **County Government Services Center:** staff provided a site evaluation and recommendations for improvements for a gallery space in this building.
- **Palo Alto Courthouse:** a mural created in the 60's for the courthouse is currently being investigated for a potential deaccession.

- **Silver Creek Campus:** staff provided a site evaluation for a potential sculpture walk at this campus.
- **Tasman Campus:** staff provided a site evaluation for public locations on the exterior and interior of facility for potential artworks.
- **Valley Health Center (VHC)– Morgan Hill:** City staff released an invitational RFQ to art galleries within the County of Santa Clara to submit original artworks for consideration for permanent display at VHC with installation anticipated Spring 2024. Artworks have been selected and each gallery will be notified.

Environmental Services Department (ESD) Projects:

- **Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge (DENWR) 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 public art project designed to reframe how we can all contribute to climate action, one day at a time, one action at a time, now and in the future. The project concluded on December 21, 2023. On March 15th, the artists presented their final report. As part of project completion, the artists are developing a website where all content will be publicly accessible and free to use. The website is scheduled to be live in May 2024.
- **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 fabrication of the artwork is underway. The project is scheduled for completion in Summer 2024.
- **Water Resources Administration & Operations Facility** – Permit drawings have been approved. Coordination with the base project contractor and fabricator is in process. The artist completed his final template that will be vectorized and translated into the final waterjet cut metal.

End of Watch Police Memorial – Artist Gordon Huether’s memorial artwork element was installed at the Police Administration memorial site and the related landscaping surrounding the memorial is complete. A dedication event, intended primarily for families of fallen Officers and San Jose Police Department (SJPd) personnel, was held on October 4, 2023. Close out on project in process.

Fair Swim Center – The Community Visioning Meeting with artist Lacey Bryant was held Saturday, December 2, 2023 at Tully Branch Library. The artist has developed a mural design concept for presentation to the PAC in April.

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 was approved by the PAC at its December 5, 2023 meeting. Completion of the fire station is estimated for 2025.

Fire Station 23 – Project in planning stages.

Fire Station 36 – Project in 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.

Market/San Pedro Parking Garage – The façade project with artist Brian Brush has completed construction documentation. The City Department of Public Works will oversee BID for the demo and removal of the tile (GFRC) panels and build-back to support the illumination enhancement. The City Planning Department reviewed the Public Art CEQA exemption and determined this project is exempt.

Martin Luther King (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; 31 two-dimensional artworks by San José artists have been selected to be reproduced for permanent display in select locations inside the facility. Report on the artwork selections was presented to the PAC in February 2024. Facility completion is forecasted for Summer 2024.

Olinder Community Center Time Mural – Artist Juan Raul’s has started restoration of his *Time* mural. Restoration is anticipated to be complete by Summer 2024 with installation completed by the end of 2024.

Plata Arroyo Park Mural – Local artist Carlos Rodriguez has completed painting this mural in March 2024. Close out on project in process.

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 Spring 2024.

Santa Teresa Library – The Community Visioning meeting with artist Jolene Russell about her mural project there was held on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at Santa Teresa Library. The artist is working on a mural design concept.

Sensing You – Maintenance and cleaning of the *Sensing You* artwork by Dan Corson, located on W. Santa Clara Street on the 87 underpass, is completed. The project required significant traffic control measures and coordination with City’s DOT.

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 Design Development Proposal to the Public Art Committee at their December 5, 2023, meeting. His construction documentation is complete pending calculations.

Thank You America – Engineering phase complete and artist has begun fabrication of the statues. Staff met with D7 staff and community members to get an update on the monument and Viet Heritage Garden site improvement project on Thursday, January 25, 2024. Community present would like City to consider shifting the placement of the monument. There are different community groups with varying opinions

that were not present, so it was agreed to hold a larger meeting on site to reach a final consensus. That meeting was held on February 22, 2024, at 2pm and the community agreed to relocate the statues to face the gate entrance. There was no dissent in this agreement.

Tully Branch Library – The Community Visioning Meeting with artist Elba Raquel was held Saturday, December 2, 2024, at Tully Branch Library. The artist is working on a mural design concept.

Vineland Branch Library – The community visioning meeting with artist Morgan Bricca was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2024, at Vineland Library. The artist is working on a mural design concept.

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. Community outreach is in the planning stages.

VTA-EBRC – Public Art staff is working with VTA on two (2) large-scale projects associated with the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector. Artist Amir Fallah’s Design Development Proposal for the Story Road Station was approved by the Public Art Committee on February 6, 2024. The final proposal incorporates work from four local poets, contributing a layer to that design. He is currently working with fabricators, and base project consultants, on construction documents. The team of Haddad and Drugan are further developing their schematic design for presentation to the Public Art Committee in June 2024.

VTA BART Phase II – VTA staff have yet to identify funding for public art on this project. Public Art Director, who was on the Design Review Committee for the first round of design on this project voiced concern over the absence of funding for art, has confirmed to be part of the second round.

Washington Community Center – Artist Desi Mundo will begin painting in April 2024.

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. Community outreach is in planning stages.

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. Community outreach is in planning stages.