
Public Art Committee

Janett Peace, Chair
Shelby Taketa, Vice-Chair

Jonathan Borca
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Public Art Advisory Committee
Ruben Dario Villa

MINUTES: Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 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 5:34 p.m.

Roll Call

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

PAAC Members: None.

ABSENT: PAAC Member Ruben Dario Villa (Note: new policy prevents participation by members via Zoom.

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

Guest Presenters: Artists: Desi Mundo, Amir Fallah (in person and via Zoom.)

Orders of the Day:

It was announced that Item III Public Comment will be taken after Item VII Staff Report.

II. Public Record

None.

III. Public Comment

None.

IV. Consent Calendar

A. ACTION: Approved the minutes for the regular meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 2023.

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

V. Reports

A. Chair – Janett Peace

No report.

B. Public Art Director Michael Ogilvie reported:

- 1) New lenticular print artworks at the Airport are installed per the pilot plan and are impactful.
- 2) Plata Arroyo mural in District 5 is well underway.
- 3) XO at the airport was lit up in red and gold in support of the 49ers Super Bowl spirit sweeping the Bay Area. Cudos were given to staff member Cynthia Cao cracked the code for resetting the lights.
- 4) Bottini's *Civic Stage Set* sculpture has been relocated to its new home at CDM, moved as a result of construction in its original location.
- 5) Well-attended reception was held in the Council Wing on February 5 in tribute to the Pune, India photo exhibit in the Rotunda Lobby.

VI. New Business

A. Reports & Presentations

1. REPORTS

- 1) None.

2. ARTIST SELECTION

- a. **REPORT:** Report was provided on the selection of artworks recommended for digital reproduction and display at the City's Office of Emergency Management and Fire Department Training Center. (District 7)

Images of the 31 selected artworks were shared, and there was discussion about the process for reproducing and curating them into the new facility.

Presented by Sr. Public Art Project Manager Lynn Rogers and Public Art Coordinator Cynthia Cao.

B. Action Items

1. CONCEPT and SCHEMATIC DESIGN PROPOSAL

None.

2. DESIGN and DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

- a. **ACTION: Reviewed and approved the recommendation to approve artist Desi Mundo's Concept & Design Proposal for the mural project at Washington Community Center.** (District 3)

Move/2nd: L. Rosenthal/ S. Martinez; Passed 5/0: Yes: J. Borca, S. Taketa, L. Rosenthal; S. Martinez, J. Peace; No: None.

Presented by Public Art Coordinator Cynthia Cao and artist Desi Mundo.

Commissioners noted the design resonates well, and can be considered vibrant and meaningful, with depth and complexity. One noted beautiful complexity, like a novel. The work with the community and explanations by artist about the design were appreciated. One noted it conveys a great vision for what "achievement" means. Educational. Would like to see interpretive signage to help people explore the content.

- b. ACTION: Reviewed and approved recommendation to VTA to approve the design development proposal by artist Amir Fallah for the VTA Light Rail at Story Road Station. (District 5)**

Move/2nd: S. Taketa /J. Borca; Passed 5/0: Yes: J. Borca, S. Taketa, L. Rosenthal; S. Martinez, J. Peace; No: None.

Design was presented in detail by artist. Considerable discussion about how he came about the design and how he was influenced by the fragmented design of the new transit station, inspiring him to bring together themes of movement, travel, diversity, and patterns, drawing on relevant cultural themes.

Presented by Sr. Public Art Project Manager Mary Rubin and artist Amir Fallah (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, April 2, 2024**. 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 **7:20 PM**

ATTEST:

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE SECRETARY

Lynn Rogers

Recorded by LYNN ROGERS, SR. PROGRAM OFFICER