

## 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. The light box retrofit looks good as do the reprint tests. Staff is working to schedule additional retrofits and printings in June.
- **Ecloud** – Annual cleaning of the sculpture by The Window Washers is complete.

**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. His mural design concept was approved at the April PAC meeting. Painting will begin at the beginning of June 2024.

**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 will present a design concept at the June 4 PAC meeting.

**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, titled [\*Animorph\*](#) was installed at the Animal Shelter in May.
- **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. All selected artworks will be delivered to VHC by the end of May with installation to take place Summer 2024.

#### **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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 June 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 updated project schedule for completion is now Fall 2024.
- **Water Resources Administration & Operations Facility** – The artist completed his final template that will be vectorized and translated into the final waterjet cut metal. Fabrication is being scheduled. Installation is expected early 2025.

**Fair Swim Center** – Artist Lacey Bryant has completed the interior mural at Fair Swim Center and will complete the exterior mural after the center has been repainted. Her design was unanimously approved by PAC in April 2024.

**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 32** – Work is in progress on the installation plan for a sculptural work by Public Art Artist Roster artist Rayos Magos that will be installed in an exterior area of the new fire station facility. Fire Station completion date is estimated for early 2026.

**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 June 2024.

**Lincoln Ave Artworks** – A mural by San José artist Roan Victor was completed on the Rose Building as one of the final projects in the multi-year Lincoln Avenue Artworks project, created in partnership with the Willow Glen Business Association with all funding provided by Council District 6. Over the course of this project, eight murals have been created on buildings along Lincoln Ave. and 10 sculptures, some ceramic by Michael Gustavson and some created from reclaimed metal by Jeff Owen, have been installed along that Lincoln Ave. streetscape between Coe Ave. and Minnesota Ave.

**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. A meeting will be scheduled in June to discuss the potential of remote access via Library wifi network.

**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. The artwork selections report was presented to the PAC in February 2024 and reproduction of the artworks is now in process. Final completion is planned for Summer 2024.

**Olinder Community Center *Time* Mural** – Artist Juan Raul's has completed 50% restoration of his *Time* mural. Restoration is anticipated to be complete by Summer 2024 with installation completed by the end of 2024.

**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. The map will go live in Spring 2024 and will be updated on a continuing basis.

**Santa Teresa Library** – The Community Visioning meeting with artist Jolene Russell was held on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at Santa Teresa Library. It is planned that the artist design concept will be presented at the June 4, 2024, PAC meeting.

**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. City engineers completed their initial plan check. The artists engineers' response is pending.

**Thank You America** – Engineering phase complete and artist has completed fabrication of statues and shipped them to installer. Monument installation date is planned for June 24/25, 2024.

**Tully Branch Library** – The Community Visioning Meeting with artist Elba Raquel was held Saturday, December 2, 2023, at Tully Branch Library. It is planned that the artist design concept will be presented at the June 4, 2024, PAC meeting.

**Vineland Branch Library** – The community visioning meeting with artist Morgan Bricca was held on Tuesday, January 20, 2024, at Vineland Library. It is planned that the artist design concept will be presented at the June 4, 2024, PAC meeting.

**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 was held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at Vista Park Neighborhood Center. The artist will present a design concept at the June 4 PAC meeting.

**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 continuing to coordinate construction documents with fabricators, and base project consultants. The team of Haddad and Drugan will present their Design Development Proposal to the Public Art Committee on June 4, 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 has painted over 50% of his mural and is on track to complete the mural by the beginning of June 2024.

**Watershed at San Jose Environmental Innovation Center (SJEIC)** – Artist Peter Richards is currently working on restoration of his *Watershed* artwork at SJEIC. Painting was delayed due to spring rains.

**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 was held on Saturday and Sunday, April 27 and 28, 2024 at Welch Park Community Center. The artist will present a design concept at the June 4 PAC meeting.

**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 was held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024. The artist will present a design concept at the June 4 PAC meeting.