

PUBLIC ART STAFF REPORT

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

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

Thomas Fallon Statue - Public Works and public art staff are developing the construction bid set to de-install the statue, relocate to city storage, and repair any demolition at the site. De-installation is expected to be complete by Fall 2022.

Adobe Bridge – The Public Art Committee (PAC) reviewed the Adobe bridge art enhancement concept design by artist Hou de Sousa at their February 1, 2022 meeting. Adobe received positive input as well as some prospective elements that could be improved upon in the design. Adobe is to continue to work out the details and refine the design. Bridge completion forecasted for 2023.

Airport Art:

- **XO** – Artists are finalizing contract with general contractor for the installation.
- **Art Window** – Artist/curator Cynthia Cao is in the initial stages of designing an exhibit plan for a collection of 2D software generated works collected specifically for the airport's mezzanine Art Window located adjacent to the TSA Pre-Check lanes.

Bassett Park (AHSC Grant) – Parks department has reactivated the Bassett Park project. Included in the park design is artist Vicki Scuri's illuminated pedestrian light elements. The base construction project schedule is in the process of being reset which changes the completion date for the public art; its completion is now planned for 2025.

Emergency Operation Center & Fire Department Training Facility Relocation (EOC/FDTF) – Project development is underway for major projects in these new co-joined facilities on Senter Rd. Following the PAC's approval of her design development proposal at its meeting on Feb. 1, Bay Area artist Johanna Poethig, who is creating artwork for the facility exterior, is completing design and engineering details and has started the first phase of the fabrication process. Artwork for the facility interior (Phase 2) will focus primarily on engaging local artists, with up to 30 two-dimensional artworks by San José artists to be selected for permanent display inside the facility. Facility completion is forecasted for 2023.

Environmental Services Department (ESD) Projects:

- **Co-Generation** – Several LED lighting strips have gone dark. Staff filed a claim against the warranty and is now working with Environmental Services Department staff to investigate the failure.

- **Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge and Guadalupe River (DENWR) and Guadalupe River Park/Children's Discovery Museum (GRP/CDM)** – The project by artist Mark Brest Van Kempen has been substantially completed and GRP/CDM project is anticipated for completion in 2022.
- **One Day One Action** – An environmental awareness project is in development with Bay area artists Trena Noval and Sue Mark, which will encourage residents to shift their habits, rituals, and behaviors to be better stewards of the environment. The artists are researching, interviewing, and engaging potential partners. In March a Social Media Specialist join the team.
- **River Oaks Pump Station** – Project is in the development planning stage, and a variety of opportunities are being explored within a design plan vetted by community.
- **Coyote Creek** – Public art staff is working with a City team to apply for a Clean California grant for potential art interventions that encourage respecting and cleaning this important waterway.

End of Watch Police Memorial – Artist Gordon Huether's approved memorial design has been fabricated and key stakeholders are apprised of developments. The memorial site construction documents have completed the final review process by Public Works, and the project is in the process of being set up to proceed into the construction phase through Public Works, which is expected to begin in Summer 2022.

Fire Station 8 – Project in early planning stages. Staff has made several presentations at community meetings and has worked with the base project team to determine the optimal public art opportunity for this location on E. Santa Clara St.

Fire Station 14 – San José artist Bill Vujevich was selected for small mural project for the exterior of Fire Station 14 as part of the community budgeting process. The process of collaboration between the community and SJFD to develop a vision for the artwork is underway. Vujevich was selected for the project by a panel of community members and SJFD personnel; staff is working with artist on design development with the goal to complete the project Summer 2022.

Fire Station 32 – The first community outreach meeting was conducted on the evening of September 22, 2021. District 7 Councilmember and key stakeholder staff were present to reveal prospective architectural designs. The public art component of this project has yet to be determined and feedback was provided regarding this from the community and stakeholders. Project is in the evaluation phase.

Fire Station 36 – Project in early planning stages.

Fire Station 37 – Artist Sam Tubiolo's artwork for the new fire station in Willow Glen, consisting of a combination of figurative tile work with the tile imagery extending into the window treatment, is fully installed. A dedication event for the new fire station has been

scheduled by the Fire Department for Wednesday, June 15, 10:30 AM at 2191 Lincoln Ave, San Jose, CA 95125.

Hummingbirds – Due to safety reasons, the pole mounted hummingbird sculptures by artist Todd Andrews on Park Ave. were dismantled in 2018. They will be retrofitted and reinstalled. The sculptures have been delivered to the artist's studio in Grass Valley and are being repaired. Initial pole retrofit is complete. Artist's structural engineer is preparing construction documents for City's Department of Public Work's review.

Japantown Heinlen Park/Plaza Art - San José artist Roger Stoller has completed fabrication of the sculpture for the park. The estimated completion date, which is determined by Shea Properties (the site developer) is has been extended to October 2022. This construction will include completion of Heinlen Park in which the artwork will be located.

Market/San Pedro Parking Garage – The project with artist Brian Brush is in construction documentation development. It is expected this process will go through 2022.

Neighborhood Galleries (4 largescale mural treatments) – The Caltrans permit process for the murals at Jackson Ave/680 and King Road/680 in District 5 are complete. Coordination for installation of the Jackson Ave. mural by artist Scape Martinez is underway and projected for Summer/Fall 2022.

The BART encroachment for the District 4 mural by artist Jason Jagel is complete. Because of the extended timeline, this permit required an amendment, which has been executed. The project also requires a license agreement from VTA, which has been signed by the City and is now with VTA for final execution. Staff is negotiating schedule and logistical details with the artist.

Olinder Community Center *Time Mural* – Artist Juan Raul submitted the proposal to restore the 72' long mural installed on the façade of Olinder Community Center. This will involve repainting the entire mural on robust materials appropriate for an outdoor installation. The mural is contingent upon Parks repairing the canopy, and Parks and Public Works are working with a consultant to prepare a building condition assessment report.

Parade of Floats – Bay View Development is responsible for restoring the toppers on Andrew Leicester's *Parade of Floats' Agriculture and Arts & Community* sculptures. Painting of the toppers was completed on March 25th. The Families and Future floats were reinstalled on May 27th. Restoration of the up lights in these corner sculptures is in progress. The ceramic mountain atop the neighborhood float was replicated by a SJSU student and has been replaced.

Pellier Park – Construction has commenced. Artist Norie Sato is working with the landscape architects, SWA, on advancing the design of the feature wall. Final copy is in review.

Right the Blight II – Through budget document 68 for Council District 7, and budget document 79 for council district 10, a second phase of this project has been funded for those specific districts. The project launch meeting was conducted on 8/2/2021, and the evaluation

of 21 sites citywide has been conducted with the goal to select five sites total, two in District 7, and three in District 10. Project is currently on hold as staffing shortages and deadline demands from Capital Improvement Projects take precedent, also, re-districting has reshaped the boundaries of District 10 and District 7 making many of the original site evaluations no longer relevant. New site evaluations will need to be conducted.

Sonic Runway – The OEDCA events team is working on a schedule of curated events at the site, which will be announced the Summer/Fall of 2022. The artist's fabrication contract covered one year of programming and maintenance. Their contract for programming and on-going software/hardware maintenance for the term of the installation (through 2028) is being negotiated.

St. James Park – Artist Mark Reigelman has been commissioned for design services. Staff is in conversation with the Public Works and Parks departments on project initiation aligned with the base project. The artist is considering strategic approaches to community engagement and site identification.

Thank You America – Though project funding is still being sought, Parks received a grant from the County of Santa Clara to begin the design process of the figurative component of the memorial. The artist - Tuan Nguyen - who created the original Vietnamese memorial honoring South Vietnamese soldiers that fought on the American side during the Vietnam War, has agreed to develop a figurative maquette based on the Veterans design (which was based on Tuan's original design). The artist will present the maquette to the community on or before October 2, 2022. At which point should funding be available the artist would be contracted to fabricate, engineer and install the work.

Valley Medical Center – The County issued the artist's Notice to Proceed. An 18-month schedule is projected for shop drawings, fabrication and installation, meaning the installation may not occur until 2024.

VTA-EBRC – Public Art staff is working with VTA on two large-scale projects associated with the Eastridge to BART Regional Connector. Community engagement meetings are in the planning stages.

VTA BART Phase II – During February 3, 2022, VTA board meeting, Councilmember Peralez submitted a referral asking that VTA staff work on identifying a future source of funding for public art in the BART Phase II stations after learning that federal grant funding cannot be used. Furthermore, he asked that VTA staff work on developing a percentage for art policy similar to the 1% policy that the City of San José has on Capital Improvement Projects. VTA staff will provide an update before the end of the fiscal year.

Weavers' Gifts – One of the major sculptural elements, the limestone basket, has been damaged beyond repair. Councilmember Peralez submitted a Budget Document with a request to fund the replacement, and it was approved in the Council-approved June Budget Message. The fabrication contract with the original quarry in Ireland is complete. The quarry is working to identify an appropriate stone to begin work.

Wildlife of the Guadalupe – Adobe has asked for a Temporary Construction Easement in McEnery Park and have asked to temporarily remove three of the insect sculptures associated with Nobu Nagasawa's sculpture. Staff is working with the Parks department on a Loan Agreement.