

## 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

**Thomas Fallon Statue** - Construction demolition and de-installation is expected to begin in the early part of 2023.

**Adobe Bridge** – Temporary relocation to storage of three dragonfly sculptures, which are part of the Wildlife of the Guadalupe River public artwork, has been complete. Bridge is currently under construction and completion forecasted for 2023.

#### **Airport Art:**

- **XO** – A dedication event is scheduled for March 9 at noon. Invitations are forthcoming.
- **Art Window** – Staff is investigating a permanent commission for the Art Window, located adjacent to the TSA Pre-Check lanes.

**Mural Artists Roster** – The Mural Roster Artists Roster artist call for continuation and expansion of its Mural Artist Roster closed on October 24, 2022 with 107 new artists submitting. The results of the review panel's ratings will be reported to the Public Art Committee at its February 7, 2023 meeting.

**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 has been reset which impacts the completion date for the public art; its completion is now planned for 2025. Staff is working with the artist and a fabricator on the fabrication plan for the "lantern" artworks.

#### **Emergency Operation Center & Fire Department Training Facility Relocation**

**(EOC/FDTF)** – Project implementation is underway for significant projects in these new co-joined facilities on Senter Rd. Artist Johanna Poethig's artwork for the facility exterior is complete. Selection process for artwork for the facility interior (Phase 2) is underway; it will focus primarily on engaging local artists, with up to 30 two-dimensional artworks by San José artists to be selected for permanent display in select locations inside the facility. Facility completion is forecasted for late Spring 2023.

#### **Environmental Services Department (ESD) Projects:**

- **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 is substantially completed and GRP/CDM project is anticipated for completion by 2023.

- **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 good stewards of the environment. The artists have enrolled the following Advisory Councilmembers who will support the development of the project's social media prompts. The City's key staff overseeing the Climate Smart plan is confirmed as an advisor. Additionally, the artists finalized the following community partners organizations who will support outreach to their community and networks: CommUniverCity, Food Empowerment Project, Người Việt ở San José (Vietnamese in San José), Santa Clara Open Space Authority, and The Tech Museum, Veggielution. and are finalizing the Steering Council.
- **River Oaks Pump Station** – In consultation with the base project design team, the public art element will be integrated into the site's perimeter fence. Artist Michael Amescua has been selected for the project; design concept development is in process.
- **Water Resources Administration & Operations Facility** – San Francisco artist Adam Feibelman is under contract. His first stakeholder group meeting was on January 20<sup>th</sup> via zoom.

**End of Watch Police Memorial** – Artist Gordon Huether's memorial artwork element has been fabricated and key stakeholders are apprised of developments. The landscaping and site development project is now under construction and project completion is presently forecasted by end of March, 2023.

**Fire Station 8** – Project planning has continued in consultation with the base project team. Bay Area artist Jesse Hernandez has been selected to design a metal mural for site location.

**Fire Station 14** – San José artist Bill Vujevich is in the process of creating his trompe oeil mural on the exterior wall of the station but there have been some delays due to weather. The artist has used actual firefighters, local children and pets in the artwork design. It is expected to be complete in Spring 2023.

**Fire Station 23** – Project in early planning stages.

**Fire Station 32** – In consideration of the facility's design and location, the most optimal opportunity for the public art component of this project is a mural on one or more exterior walls of the facility property. The project is in the artist selection phase.

**Fire Station 36** – Project in early planning stages.

**Japantown Heinlerville Park/Plaza Art** - San José artist Roger Stoller has completed fabrication of the sculpture for the park and it is expected to be installed in early 2023. The park's estimated completion date, which is determined by Shea Properties (the site developer) is has been extended to Spring 2023. This construction will include completion of Heinlerville Park in which the artwork will be located.

**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.

**District 4 mural/Collectively Rising** – The mural by artist Jason Jagel was extensively tagged. Staff is assessing damage and options for removal or deaccession.

**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** –The damage to ceramics on the Recreation float, and graffiti on the Neighborhood float were both addressed. New graffiti has appeared and requires attention.

**Pellier Park** – Construction completion is anticipated in late spring/early summer.

**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 and Measure T 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 soon. The artist's fabrication contract covered one year of programming and maintenance. Their contract for programming and on-going software creation and hardware conservation for the term of the installation (through 2028) is being negotiated.

**St. James Park** – Artist Mark Reigelman is currently developing his concept design for review by the Public Art Committee in April 2023.

**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, and City Council approved and allocated funding from the budget document process in June 2022. 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 San José South Vietnamese Veterans' design (which was based on Tuan's original design). The District 7 Council Office hosted a community meeting with public art staff and the artist on August 1, 2022 at 6:00pm wherein the artist presented the maquette to the community for input. The meeting was well attended physically and virtually, and no overall changes were requested to the concept design

as the community was pleased with the artist's work. The concept was approved by the Public Art Committee on October 4, 2022 and is now in the process of the next steps towards the artist working to fabricate, engineer, and install the work.

**Valley Medical Center** – Artwork is in fabrication. Installation is planned for late 2023 with retrofitting of the base building infrastructure to proceed it.

**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 on January 9<sup>th</sup> and January 11<sup>th</sup> were well attended. The artists are starting conceptual design work.

**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 year.

**Washington Community Center** — OCA staff conducted a site evaluation and identified an ideal mural location on the West wall, (80' x 27' or 2,160 sq. ft. wall). Artist selection panel is being formed, and it includes Rosalinda Aguilar, Chairperson, Guadalupe-Washington Neighborhood Association; Dan Coleman, Director, Catholic Charities at the community center; Samantha Hull, DeSaisset Museum (lives in D3); Elizabeth Jiménez-Montelongo, Artist/Poet; and a recommendation from D3 Council Office. OCA staff is developing a preliminary shortlist of artists from the Mural Roster.

**Weavers' Gifts** – Fabrication is complete. Staff is working with the quarry on the details of shipping from Ireland to San Jose.