

**MINUTES  
MAY 12, 2020  
PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING**

The Public Art Committee was called to order virtually using Zoom at 3:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Council Members Mary-Lynne Bernald, Yan Zhao  
ABSENT: None  
ALSO PRESENT: Crystal Bothelio, Assistant City Manager  
Kayla Nakamoto, Community Engagement Coordinator  
Lauren Pettipiece, Public Information Officer  
John Cherbone, Public Works Director

All attendees participated in the meeting virtually using Zoom.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

None

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

1. Public Art Committee Minutes

**Recommended Action:**

Review and approve the Public Art Committee minutes from February 27, 2020.

ZHAO/BERNALD MOVED TO **APPROVE THE PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 27, 2020**. MOTION PASSED. AYES: BERNALD, ZHAO. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

2. Public Art Budget

**Recommended Action:**

Receive status update on the Public Art Fiscal Year 2019/20 and Fiscal Year 2020/21 budget.

Kayla Nakamoto, Community Engagement Coordinator, shared an update on the Fiscal Year 2019/20 and 2020/21 public art budget.

3. 2020 Paint the City: Utility Box Painting Project

**Recommended Action:**

Receive update and provide direction on 2020 Paint the City, including delays in the project timeline.

Kayla Nakamoto, Community Engagement Coordinator, provided an update on the 2020 cycle of Paint the City, noting that painting had been delayed due to COVID-19. She also shared potential timeline impacts that were communicated by Public Works staff as a result of a Fiscal Year 2020/21 capital project to add backup power to several traffic signals.

Public Works Director John Cherbone added that he felt the timeline impacts from the capital project could be mitigated. He agreed to work with staff to determine if there would be any impacts.

The Public Art Committee requested further discussion if there are schedule impacts from the project. The Committee also requested future discussion on creating limitations on application submissions, such as restricting artists from submitting 1 design per location.

#### 4. Updates on Existing Projects

**Recommended Action:**

Receive updates on the Rainy Day Sidewalk Poetry and Nuts about Saratoga programs.

Kayla Nakamoto, Community Engagement Coordinator, shared an update on the Rainy Day Sidewalk Poetry and Nuts about Saratoga. Programs.

Vice Mayor Bernald noted that there has been interest from the public in purchasing their own bronze acorns and the opportunity to use these purchases as a fundraiser for public art in Saratoga.

Council Member Zhao suggested further discussion after the shelter at home order ends.

The Public Art Committee discussed the City's expected outreach schedule on Nuts about Saratoga.

#### 5. Summer Art Event

**Recommended Action:**

Discuss plans for a summer art event and options for proceeding under the COVID-19 social distancing and sheltering at home regulations.

Kayla Nakamoto, Community Engagement Coordinator, presented information on cancellation of various summer art events and options for a virtual summer chalk event.

The Public Art Committee agreed to proceed with the summer virtual chalk event, under the name Chalk-full of HeART and using the artwork themes provided by staff.

ZHAO/BERNALD MOVED TO **ALLOCATE \$510 TO CHALK-FULL OF HEART FOR BANNER AND OUTREACH COSTS.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: BERNALD, ZHAO. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

6. Sculpture Program

**Recommended Action:**

Receive information about development of a City of Saratoga sculpture program.

Crystal Bothelio, Assistant City Manager, shared options for a City of Saratoga sculpture program.

The Public Art Committee agreed to discuss this item at the next meeting.

7. Whimsical Crosswalk Signage

**Recommended Action:**

Receive information about opportunity for whimsical crosswalk signage and provide direction.

Kayla Nakamoto, Community Engagement Coordinator, provided information communities around the world encouraging residents to have fun by posting "Silly Walk" signage.

John Cherbone, Public Works Director, spoke on possible locations for signage.

The Public Art Committee requested that the item be added to the next meeting for further discussion.

8. Future Meetings

**Recommended Action:**

Discuss agenda topics and scheduling of future meetings.

The Public Art Committee requested discussion on:

- Paint the City: 2020 Schedule Update and Artist Application Restrictions
- Updates on Existing Programs
- Whimsical Crosswalk Signage
- Sculpture Program

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 430 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Crystal Bothelio, Assistant City Manager  
City of Saratoga