

**MINUTES
AUGUST 13, 2019
PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

The Public Art Committee meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. at Saratoga City Hall, Linda Callon Conference Room at 13777 Fruitvale Avenue.

ROLL CALL

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

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 July 2, 2019.

ZHAO/BERNALD MOVED TO **APPROVE THE PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM JULY 2, 2019 WITH A CHANGE TO REMOVE PARKS FROM THE LOCATIONS THAT THE PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN FOR THE RAINY DAY ARTWORK.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: BERNALD, ZHAO. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

2. Decorative Bicycle Rack

Recommended Action:

Provide direction on selection of a decorative bicycle rack for Blaney Plaza.

Public Works Director John Cherbone shared that the blue and green dragonfly bicycle design selected for Blaney Plaza is no longer available.

The Public Art Committee selected a flower shaped bicycle rack in light green. If possible, the Committee would like the top of the flower to be yellow.

3. Bronze Sculpture Program

Recommended Action:

Continue discussion on a bronze sculpture program like *Mice on Main Street*, including development of a recommendation to be considered by the City Council for approval.

Kayla Nakamoto, Community Engagement Coordinator, presented the staff report on the Bronze Sculpture Program.

Council Member Bernald requested staff determine if an acorn could be placed at the Book-Go-Round without negatively impacting the buildings historic designation.

The Public Art Committee recommended the bronze sculpture program to the City Council, including purchase of 8 bronze acorns that measure 6.25" x 7.25" x 6.25". The Committee recommended installing 6 acorns at the following locations:

- Civic Center oak tree, near courtyard fountain (1 acorn)
- Saratoga Library Entrance (1 acorn)
- 3rd Street & Big Basin Way (2 acorns)
- 4th Street & Big Basin Way (2 acorns)

The Committee also recommended purchasing two acorns for future placement.

4. Rainy Day Artwork

Recommended Action:

Discuss and provide direction on development of a rainy day art project.

Kayla Nakamoto, Community Engagement Coordinator, presented the staff report on the Rainy Day Artwork program.

The Public Art Committee discussed poems that could be used for the program, including a poem in Chinese that is also translated into English. The Committee agreed to return to the next meeting with classic Chinese, Indian, and English poems. The Committee also discussed possible locations for poetry and agreed on the following:

- Saratoga Library (near the entrance), Chinese Poem with English Translation

- Village Sidewalk, Big Basin Café
- Village Sidewalk, Wells Fargo
- Village Sidewalk, 4th Street & Big Basin, Opposite Wildwood Park
- Village Sidewalk, Sue’s Café, Chinese Poem with English Translation
- Saratoga Elementary Sidewalk

Staff was also asked to scope out the possibility of placing poems on the sidewalks near Saratoga High School and the Joan Pisani Community Center.

5. Paint the City: Saratoga Utility Box Art Project

Recommended Action:

Consider whether to hold a 2020 cycle of the Paint the City program and provide direction to staff on the program.

The Committee discussed the Paint the City cycle and agreed to keep the program structure and timeline comparable to last year. The Committee also agreed to forego the kickoff event and instead recognize artists and present stipends at a City Council meeting. The Committee also agreed to the following utility box locations and stipends:

Location	# Boxes	Stipend
1 Saratoga-Sunnyvale & Sea Gull Way	2	\$600
2 Saratoga-Sunnyvale & Cox Ave	1	\$600
3 Saratoga-Sunnyvale & Blauer	2	\$600
4 Saratoga-Sunnyvale & Mina Way	1	\$600
5 Saratoga & Dagmar Drive	2	\$600

6. Future Meetings

Recommended Action:

Discuss agenda topics and scheduling of future meetings.

The Committee agreed to meet again on September 17, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. and to discuss the Rainy Day Poetry program at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The Committee meeting adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Crystal Bothelio, Assistant City Manager

