

**MINUTES
AUGUST 18, 2020
PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

The Public Art Committee was called to order virtually using Zoom at 4:04 p.m.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council Members Mary-Lynne Bernald, Yan Zhao
ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT: Crystal Bothelio, Assistant City Manager
Kayla Nakamoto, Analyst
Colleen Wilcox

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 June 30, 2020.

Zhao/Bernald MOVED TO **APPROVE THE PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM JUNE 30, 2020.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: BERNALD, ZHAO. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

2. Gateway Sculpture

Recommended Action:

Discuss opportunities for a sculpture at Saratoga Gateway.

Crystal Bothelio, Assistant City Manager, provided a report on the Gateway Sculpture item.

Colleen Wilcox, local artist, shared information about her work, described her interest in collaborating with the City, and addressed questions from the Public Art Committee. She indicated that she would be interested in loaning several pieces of her work to the City for a 1 to 2-year period if the City could aid with installation. She also shared information about other local sculptures that may be able to loan artwork appropriate for the Gateway location.

The Public Art Committee agreed that the Gateway is not an ideal location for the artwork that Colleen Wilcox proposed to loan to the City on a temporary basis, but asked staff to identify potential locations for the artwork. The Committee expressed

a desire to seek out a local artist interested in working with the City to place a sculpture at the Gateway location and asked staff to follow up with the artists suggested by Colleen Wilcox.

3. Library Commission Recommended Scope and Work Plan Changes

Recommended Action:

Receive status update on the Library Commission's recommended scope and work plan changes.

Crystal Bothelio, Assistant City Manager, shared an update on the Commission's recommended scope and work plan changes, which are scheduled for Council consideration on August 19.

BERNALD/ZHAO RECOMMENDED **THAT WORK PLAN ITEM 2, D BE CHANGED TO "SUPPORT PUBLIC ART PROGRAMS SPONSORED BY THE CITY'S PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE."** MOTION PASSED. AYES: BERNALD, ZHAO. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

4. Public Art Budget

Recommended Action:

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

Kayla Nakamoto, Analyst, provided an update on the current fiscal year budget.

The Public Art Committee requested that staff outline options for a 2021 cycle of Paint the City. The Committee also requested that the operating budget be used to cover costs associated with the installation of loaned sculpture, such as sculptures loaned by Colleen Wilcox.

5. Updates on Existing Projects

Recommended Action:

Receive updates on existing projects and programs.

Kayla Nakamoto, Analyst, provided an update on existing projects, including: Silly Walks, #SaratogaROCKS, and Rainy Day Poetry.

The Public Art Committee asked staff to see if the owner and business (if different) of the wall outside of the Mint Leaf would be interested in a temporary art installation on the wall.

6. Future Meetings

Recommended Action:

Discuss agenda topics and scheduling of future meetings.

The Committee agreed to meet on September 15, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. and requested that the agenda include the following items:

- Sculpture Program
- Paint the City 2020
- Wall Near Mint Leaf
- Rainy Day Poetry

ADJOURNMENT

ZHAO/BERNALD MOVED TO **ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 5:16 P.M.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: BERNALD, ZHAO. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Crystal Bothelio, Assistant City Manager
City of Saratoga