



# City of Sunnyvale

## Meeting Minutes - Draft Arts Commission

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Wednesday, August 16, 2023

7:00 PM

Online and Bay Conference Room (Room  
145), City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave.,  
Sunnyvale, CA 94086

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Eskridge called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

### **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Chair Eskridge led the salute to the United States flag.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 5 - Commissioner Dawna Eskridge  
Commissioner Winnie Lam  
Vice Chair Kathryn Filley  
Commissioner Molly Kauffman  
Chair Agnes Veith

Council Liaison Cisneros (present)

### **PRESENTATION**

**A**      [23-0708](#)      AC Purview, Study/Budget Issue Process and Public Art  
Process

Superintendent of Recreation Services, Damon Sparacino, and Recreation Services Manager, Trenton Hill, provided a presentation on Arts Commissioner Purview, Study/Budget Issues Process and Public Art Process. Highlights included: Council policy statement, general duties, specific duties, work plan, study issue process and public art process.

Commissioners inquired and staff responded:

Can members of the public submit a study issue? Yes, but a Commission, City Council or the City Manager will need to sponsor it.

**B**      [23-0833](#)      National Arts and Humanities Month (Update)

Trenton Hill notified the Commission that Vice Chair Lam volunteered to serve as the lead for the Yarn Art Project during National Arts and Humanities Month. This year's yarn art theme will be Halloween.

Vice Chair Lam asked the Commission for suggestions.

Commissioner Veith recommended that we involve community groups to celebrate different cultures. Example would be Day of the Dead.

Trenton Hill recommended that we reach out to the Parks Department to discuss which park elements we'll be able to hang yarn art on.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Commissioner Filley moved and Commissioner Kauffman seconded the motion to Approve the Arts Commission Minutes of June 21, 2023 as submitted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 5 -    Commissioner Eskridge  
                 Commissioner Lam  
                 Vice Chair Filley  
                 Commissioner Kauffman  
                 Chair Veith

**No:** 0

**1**      [23-0713](#)      Approve the Arts Commission Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2023

Approve the Arts Commission Minutes of June 21, 2023 as submitted.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS****2**      [23-0707](#)      Selection of Chair and Vice Chair

Commissioners discussed and nominated Commissioner Vieth, Chair Eskridge and Vice Chair Lam as Chair. They also nominated Commissioner Filley as Vice Chair. Staff conducted a roll call vote.

By majority vote, Agnes Veith was selected as Chair and Kathryn Filley as Vice Chair.

Commissioner Kauffman moved and Commissioner Filley seconded the motion to approve the selection of Agnes Veith as Chair and Kathryn Filley as Vice Chair of the Arts Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 5 - Commissioner Eskridge  
Commissioner Lam  
Vice Chair Filley  
Commissioner Kauffman  
Chair Veith

**No:** 0

#### **STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES**

None.

#### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS**

##### **-Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Veith asked if staff could provide an update on the Sunnysvale Icon Project. Trenton Hill responded that sun designs are being finalized and that the Commission will approve the designs at an upcoming meeting. The selection will not need Council approval.

Commissioner Filley asked how an artist or artists will be selected for the Sunnysvale Icon Project, and have locations been selected yet. Trenton Hill informed the Commission that the City will submit a call for artists, then the project selection committee will review the applicants and provide a shortlist to the Commission to make the final artist selection. He added that once the base sculpture design is finalized, staff will know how many sculptures can be purchased and finalize locations.

##### **-Staff Comments**

Trenton Hill provided an update on Utility Art Box Phase II and the public art at Sunrise Living.

#### **INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS**

3      [23-0714](#)      Arts Commission Proposed Study Issues, Calendar Year: 2024  
None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Eskridge adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.