



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Arts Commission

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

7:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Eskridge called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Eskridge led the salute to the United States flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Chair Dawna Eskridge
Commissioner Kathryn Filley
Commissioner Molly Kauffman
Commissioner Agnes Veith
Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Winnie Lam

Council Liaison Din (present)

PRESENTATION

A [23-0611](#) Arts Bike Rack

Sunnyvale resident, Sharlene Liu, provided a presentation on Artistic Bike Racks. Highlights included: benefits of biking, examples of artistic bike racks, functional art, proposed design contest, reference cities, possible Sunnyvale locations and funding options.

Chair Eskridge opened the public hearing, and there being no public testimony, closed the public hearing.

Commissioners inquired and staff responded:

How does the City access art funds? The Master Plan for Public Art has a project proposal process that allows the City to fund selected art categories. One of the categories is functional art, in which the City ranked artistic benches first and

artistic bike racks second. Artistic bike racks may be explored for consideration in the next cycle.

How much does an artistic bike rack cost? They may cost up to \$5,000, while regular bike racks cost close to \$500.

B [23-0405](#) Arts Commission Roundtable for Arts Commission Chairs
Across Santa Clara County

Chief Executive Officer at SVCCreates, Connie Martinez, provided a presentation on SVCCreates and the purpose of the Arts Commission Roundtable for Arts Commission Chairs Across Santa Clara.

Chair Eskridge opened for public comment.

Sunnyvale resident, Winnie L., asked if SVCCreates had specific ideas for a partnership with Sunnyvale? Each city has their own needs, but neighboring cities have used SVCCreates to assist with funding, mediated for commissions, and crafted a grant program.

Chair Eskridge closed public comment.

Commissioners inquired and staff responded:

Can staff provide information on the Sunnyvale and SVCCreates proposed memorandum of understanding? Staff will send commissioners a copy to review.

C [23-0610](#) National Arts and Humanities Month (Scope)

Recreation Services Manager, Trenton Hill, and Recreation Services Coordinator, Kristin Dance, provided a scope of the National Arts and Humanities Month. Highlights included: general plan and feedback from the community.

Chair Eskridge opened the public hearing, and there being no public testimony, closed the public hearing.

Commissioners inquired and staff responded:

Would live performances be a option to celebrate National Arts and Humanities Month? Yes, staff are open to all suggestions.

D [23-0612](#) Recognition of Service

Director of Library and Recreation Services, Michelle Perera, thanked

Commissioner Veith for her years of service and accomplishments as a part of the Arts Commission.

Chair Eskridge opened the public hearing, and there being no public testimony, closed the public hearing.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Veith moved and Commissioner Kauffman seconded the motion to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Chair Eskridge
Commissioner Filley
Commissioner Kauffman
Commissioner Veith

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Lam

1A [23-0615](#) Approve the Arts Commission Meeting Minutes of April 19, 2023

Approve the Arts Commission Minutes of April 12, 2023 as submitted.

1B [23-0616](#) Approve the Joint Arts and Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting Minutes of May 17, 2023

Approve the Joint Arts and Parks and Recreation Commission Minutes of May 17, 2023 as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

None.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Filley asked staff about the status of expanding the role of Arts Commissioners to be earlier in the art approval process. Staff responded that we

will agendaize the topic for a future meeting to discuss further.

Commissioner Veith asked for the estimated time of completion for the public art at the Civic Center Amphitheater. Staff responded that it is tentatively scheduled to be installed in August/September.

-Staff Comments

None.

INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS

2 [23-0614](#) Arts Commission Proposed Study Issues, Calendar Year:
2024

Standing item. No study issues approved in previous meeting were proposed.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Eskridge adjourned the meeting at 8:27 p.m.