



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Arts Commission

Wednesday, November 18, 2015

7:00 PM

Neighborhood Room - Recreation Center,
Sunnyvale Community Center, 550 E.
Remington Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94087

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Park called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. in the Neighborhood Room.

Chair Park SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Chair Park led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 3 - Chair Misuk Park
Commissioner David Koppel
Vice Chair Robert Lawson
Absent: 1 - Commissioner Roberta Kiphuth

Commissioner Kiputh's absence is excused.
Council Liaison Larsson (present)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

[15-0409](#) Draft Minutes of 9/16/15.

Chair Park proposed to amend the minutes to reflect Civic Center "Modernization" project. Vice Chair Lawson moved and Commissioner Koppel seconded the motion to approve the minutes as submitted and amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chair Park
Commissioner Koppel
Vice Chair Lawson

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Kiphuth

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

[15-0996](#) Christensen Holdings/433 N. Mathilda Avenue

Superintendent of Community Services Daniel Wax introduced Steven Dolan, representing Artist Albert Dicruttalo. Mr. Dolan described the proposed art and location. He described the visibility of the art from the street (below the high canopy of the Magnolia trees), the interior of the building, the driveway and the opposite side of Mathilda. He provided samples of the material and explained the artist's intention to determine the level of polish after he tests the reflective shine of the material at the actual site. He answered Commissioners' questions. Vice Chair Lawson inquired about the thickness of the material, how it wears down, the maintenance required; and he asked about the size of the buildings. Commissioner Koppel asked how the art can be cleaned if it is tagged. Chair Park asked about the landscaping around the base of the art.

Chair Park opened the public hearing. There were no public comments and she closed the public hearing.

Vice Chair Lawson moved and Commissioner Koppel seconded the motion to approve the staff recommendation: Approve the artwork as it is proposed.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chair Park
Commissioner Koppel
Vice Chair Lawson

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Kiphuth

Commissioners provided the rationale for their vote. Commissioner Koppel stated he voted yes because the art meets the criteria, fits the setting, and it is inviting to the community. Vice Chair Lawson voted yes, stating he likes the art and feels its size is appropriate to the building. In addition he likes the placement, commented that it is a substantial piece, and it is easy to clean. Chair Park voted yes, indicating it meets the criteria. She also stated it is beautiful piece, substantial, and it enhances features within its environment. The Commissioners all expressed that they prefer the shinier finish.

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

Commissioner Koppel stated he supports the idea of an art contest as discussed at the last meeting. He shared two ideas which were suggested to him by members of the public: an art / performance art festival on Sunnyvale Saratoga Rd; and more public art on El Camino Real.

Chair Park and Superintendent Wax provided information about the study issue process.

No study issues were proposed at this time.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS**-Commissioner Comments**

Vice Chair Lawson suggested the Art in Private Development application process include a requirement that the pictures submitted are to scale and the scale is reflected on the document. He also commented on areas of improvement for the Murphy Park Mural: to create a path up to the murals; install benches to view the mural; improve the visual aspects of the door between the murals; cleanup the grout related stains; and review the caulking to ensure no water will seep into the mural.

Chair Park announced that she attended the Council meeting on September 29 to accept the proclamation for October is "National Art and Humanities Month."

-Staff Comments

Superintendent Wax introduced and welcomed Trenton Hill the new community services manager. Mr. Hill will manage the Arts and Marketing unit.

Superintendent Wax provided information requested by the Commissioners at the last meeting, detailing the art contest in Mountain View which is sponsored by the IOOF and the Mountain View Women's Club. The art is shown at Mountain View's City Hall and Library.

Manager Hill responded to Vice Chair Lawson's request from the last meeting which was to provide information about what other Commissions do. He provided six ways the Commissioners could engage the community through programs, collaboration, grants, awards, education, and networking. He gave specific examples of each category.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Park adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.