



# City of Sunnyvale

## Meeting Minutes - Final Arts Commission

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Wednesday, September 20, 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 Veith called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

### **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Chair Veith led the salute to the United States flag.

### **ROLL CALL**

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

Council Liaison Cisneros (present)

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Commissioner Filley moved and Commissioner Kauffman seconded the motion to Approve the Arts Commission Minutes of August 16, 2023 as submitted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

1      [23-0861](#)      Approve the Arts Commission Meeting Minutes of August 26, 2023

Approve the Arts Commission Minutes of August 16, 2023 as submitted.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

**3**      [23-0928](#)      Approve Art in Private Development Project - Starwood Capital Group/Treehouse Hotel (1100 Mathilda Avenue)

Isaiah Francis, Project Manager, and Jayson Fann, artist, provided a presentation on Starwood Capital Group/Treehouse Hotel on 1100 Mathilda Avenue. Highlights included; design, site placement and lighting plan.

Commissioners inquired and staff responded:

Can members of the public interact with the sculpture? No, the sculpture will be for visual purposes.

Vice Chair Filley moved and Commissioner Eskridge seconded the motion to Approve Art in Private Development Project - Starwood Capital Group/Treehouse Hotel (1100 Mathilda Avenue).

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**No:** 0

**2**      [23-0835](#)      Recommend Council Approve Art in Private Development Project - Hunter Properties/Cityline, titled Dropping the Ball (Phase 2, Artwork 2 of 4)

Ellie Hunter, Art Consultant, provided a presentation on Dropping the Ball. Highlights included: master plan, current artwork, artist bio and resume, site plan and maintenance.

Commissioners inquired and staff responded:

Will there be seating near the sculpture? Yes, the artwork will be placed on a planter with space for people to sit.

The planter's height of 1'8" seems too low for people to sit on, can we explore raising the height? Yes, feedback will be relayed to the designer.

Can we explore rounding the shape of the planter to resemble the sculptures theme? Yes, feedback will be relayed to the designer.

Vice Chair Filley moved and Commissioner Kauffman seconded the motion to Recommend Council Approve Art in Private Development Project - Hunter Properties/Cityline, titled Dropping the Ball (Phase 2, Artwork 2 of 4).

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**No:** 0

**4**      [23-0929](#)      Select a Final Sun Design Concept for the Sunnyvale Icons Project

Kristin Dance, Recreation Services Coordinator, provided a presentation on the final sun design concepts for the Sunnyvale Icons Project. Highlights included: materials, locations and installation timeline.

Commissioners inquired and staff responded:

Will the sculptures be temporary or permanent? Temporary.

What is the height of the sculpture? 6 feet.

Will there be lighting installed for the sculpture? No, the sculptures will be installed near lights in the park.

Commissioners discussed their preferences on option A, B and C.

Commissioner Kauffman moved and Vice Chair Filley seconded the motion to select option 3 with curved dimensions in the center of the sun for the Icon Sculpture Project.

The motion carried by the following vote

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

**No:** 1 - Commissioner Lam

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

None.

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS**

**-Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Lam provided an update regarding the Art in the Park Project. She notated that Washington Park will be used, and volunteers will decorate 3' x 3' canvases to be hung along the fence of the play area. The artworks will be displayed one week before Halloween and throughout the month of November. Autumn celebrations will be this year's theme. She encourages the Commission to spread the word to increase participation.

**-Staff Comments**

Kristin Dance provided an update that phase 2 of The Great Box Cover-up is complete. There will be a map with all 20 locations available on the City website. Additionally, this Saturday 6 artists will be performing at State of the City.

**INFORMATION ONLY REPORTS/ITEMS**

5      [23-0862](#)      Arts Commission Proposed Study Issues, Calendar Year: 2024

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Veith adjourned the meeting at 8:29 p.m.