



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Arts Commission

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

7:00 PM

Online and Redwood Conference Room,
City Hall, 456 W. Olive Ave., Sunnyvale,
CA 94086

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Veith called the meeting to order at 7:12 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 Molly Kauffman
Commissioner Mariia Tkachenko
Commissioner Christina Wright

Council Liaison Cheng (present)

STUDY SESSION

A [25-0968](#) Public Art Annual Update

Kristin Dance, Public Art Manager and Trenton Hill, Recreation Services Manager, presented an overview of current and upcoming public art initiatives. Highlights included: updates on Art in Private Development projects, progress on Art in Public Places installations and maintenance, a preview of Art in the Park, planning for Hands on the Arts 2025, and a look ahead at future Art in Public Places efforts.

B [25-1006](#) Provide Input for Annual Boards and Commissions Study Session

Chair Veith invited commissioners to discuss potential suggestions for the upcoming Boards and Commissions Study Issue process. The ideas generated will be revisited at the November Council meeting, where chairs and vice chairs will have the opportunity to present them to the City Council on behalf of their respective

commissions.

No suggestions were offered. Chair Veith closed the item and proceeded to the next agenda item.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

Valerie, an in-person member of the public, provided a presentation on the SNAIL community's request for snail-themed public art to be included in the upcoming Columbia Park playground replacement.

Commissioners asked questions of Valerie and staff regarding the current state of public art at Columbia Park, the timeline for the playground replacement, and whether funding for public art is included in the project budget.

Valerie noted that there are currently no art installations at Columbia Park and that the playground replacement has been postponed to 2027. Staff also shared that they have not yet been informed whether public art is planned for the renovation but will follow up with the Department of Public Works, as the project falls under that department's purview.

Staff noted that there are opportunities for both the community and the commission to participate in the Columbia Park renovation process. If public art is included in the project, staff can guide selected artists to incorporate community-preferred themes. Additionally, when forming the artist selection jury, staff can include members of the surrounding community to ensure local input is represented in the process.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Commissioner Kauffman moved and Vice Chair Filley seconded the motion to approve the consent calendar as submitted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Veith
Vice Chair Filley
Commissioner Kauffman
Commissioner Tkachenko
Commissioner Wright

No: 0

1 [25-0973](#) Approve the Arts Commission Meeting Minutes of August 20,

2025

Approve the Arts Commission Minutes of August 20, 2025 as submitted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

Commissioners discussed the 2026 Master Work Plan with staff. Hands on the Arts and National Arts and Humanities Month were added to additional months, as these items often require multiple commission meetings for discussion, planning, and finalization.

2 [25-0967](#) Approve the 2026 Master Work Plan

Chair Veith moved and Vice Chair Filley seconded the motion to Approve the 2026 Arts Commission Master Work Plan.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 5 - Chair Veith
 Vice Chair Filley
 Commissioner Kauffman
 Commissioner Tkachenko
 Commissioner Wright

No: 0

NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Vice Chair Filley announced that the City of Sunnyvale was recognized for its art initiatives in the October issue of Silicon Valley Magazine.

Chair Veith shared that she attended a meeting hosted by Silicon Valley Creates, where several Bay Area commissioners were present. Chair Veith noted that the City of Sunnyvale has a strong and well-structured process for public art, particularly when compared to other cities.

Council Liaison Cheng announced that Senate Bill 456 was passed, exempting muralists from contractor licensing requirements.

-Staff Comments

Kristin announced that she attended the CODAsummit Conference, where the City of Sunnyvale received several honorable mentions recognizing notable public art

installations throughout the city.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Veith adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.