



# City of Sunnyvale

## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Arts Commission

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Wednesday, June 18, 2025

7:00 PM

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#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Vice Chair Filley led the salute to the United States flag.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 3 - Vice Chair Kathryn Filley  
Commissioner Dawna Eskridge  
Commissioner Molly Kauffman  
**Absent:** 2 - Chair Agnes Veith  
Commissioner Winnie Lam

Council Liaison Mehlinger (present)

#### **STUDY SESSION**

A      [25-0727](#)      Recognition of Service

Council Liaison Mehlinger thanked the commissioners for their service, and outgoing Commissioner Eskridge for being on the Arts Commission for eight years.

#### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Commissioner Kauffman moved and Commissioner Eskridge seconded the motion to approve the consent calendar as submitted.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 3 - Vice Chair Filley  
Commissioner Eskridge  
Commissioner Kauffman

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Chair Veith  
Commissioner Lam

- 1      [25-0681](#)      Approve the Arts Commission Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2025

Approve the Arts Commission Minutes of April 16, 2025 as submitted.

- 2      [25-0682](#)      Approve the Special Joint Parks and Recreation Commission and Arts Commission Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2025

Approve the Arts Commission Minutes of May 21, 2025 as submitted.

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

Chandra Cerrito, Art Advisor for Wittek Development, provided a presentation on the public art conceptual Design for the Sunnyvale MSocial Hotel. Highlights included: project details, artist profile, and selected past works. Ray King, the artist, also presented on the conceptual design of the art piece, "Ventricular Lens."

Commissioners inquired about the location of the art piece, seating benches around the art piece, and how the art piece will be identified as a public art piece. The art advisor and artist responded.

- 3      [25-0688](#)      Recommend Arts Commission Approve Art in Private Development Project - 1250 Lakeside Drive/MSocial Hotel (Wittek Development)

Commissioner Eskridge moved and Commissioner Kauffman seconded the motion to Approve Art in Private Development Project -1250 Lakeside Drive/MSocial Hotel (Wittek Development).

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 3 - Vice Chair Filley  
Commissioner Eskridge  
Commissioner Kauffman

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Chair Veith  
Commissioner Lam

**4**      [25-0403](#)      Review and Recommendation of Public Art for Corn Palace Park

Kristin Dance, Recreation Services Public Arts Management Analyst, provided a presentation on the Corn Palace Park Public Art project. Highlights included: project overview, selected art locations, application process, and the commission review process. Seven artists presented on their design proposals for the backless benches, and three artists presented on their design proposals for the seating wall.

Commissioners inquired about the materials, dimensions, and durability of the designs. The artists responded.

Commissioners ranked the designs, and the artists with the top rankings for their designs of the three backless benches were: Liz Hickok, Alexandra Muddle, and Carrie Lederer.

The Arts Commission ranking of artists for the backless benches is as follows:

1. Liz Hickok
2. Alexandra Muddle
3. Carrie Lederer
4. Annie Cappelli (tied with Zoe)
5. Zoe Caron (tied with Annie)
6. Faducci
7. Amber Smith

Commissioner Eskridge moved and Commissioner Kauffman seconded the motion to recommend Liz Hickok, Alexandra Muddle, and Carrie Lederer as the artists to design the three backless benches for the Corn Palace Park.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 3 - Vice Chair Filley  
Commissioner Eskridge  
Commissioner Kauffman

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Chair Veith  
Commissioner Lam

Of the artists who submitted their designs for the seating wall, the artist with the top ranking was Annie Cappelli.

The Arts Commission ranking of artists for the seating wall is as follows:

1. Annie Cappelli
2. Juan Lopez
3. Elba Raquel

Commissioner Kauffman moved and Commissioner Eskridge seconded the motion to recommend Annie Cappelli as the artist to design the seating wall for the Corn Palace Park.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 3 - Vice Chair Filley  
Commissioner Eskridge  
Commissioner Kauffman

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Chair Veith  
Commissioner Lam

#### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

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

Commissioner Eskridge thanked staff and commissioners for a great experience, and she enjoyed serving on the Arts Commission for the past eight years.

Vice Chair Filley confirmed with staff that there will not be an Arts Commission meeting in July, and inquired about the National Arts and Humanities Month presentation. Additionally, she thanked Commissioner Eskridge for her time on the Arts Commission.

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

Michelle Perera, Director of Library and Recreation Services, explained due to the

tight timeline, the National Arts and Humanities Month presentation will be given at the August Arts Commission meeting.

Kristin Dance announced that the exhibition program is still underway, and the three walls have been put up in the Sunnyvale Public Library and the Sunnyvale Senior Center. Additionally, a map of where all of the Suns of Sunnyvale have been installed can be found on the City's website, in the public art section.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Filley adjourned the meeting at 9:37 p.m.