



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes Arts Commission

Wednesday, April 15, 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.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Chair Misuk Park
Commissioner Roberta Kiphuth
Commissioner Robert Lawson
Commissioner Suzanne Moshier

Commissioner Lawson arrived at 7:02 p.m.
Council Liaison Hendricks (absent)

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

[15-0400](#) Draft Minutes of the March 18, 2015 Arts Commission Meeting

Commissioner Lawson moved and Commissioner Moshier seconded the motion to approve the draft minutes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Chair Park
Commissioner Kiphuth
Commissioner Lawson
Commissioner Moshier

No: 0

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

[15-0345](#) Jay Paul Company/Moffett Gateway Public Art Component

Visual Arts Coordinator Kristin Dance presented the staff report.

Presenters from Jay Paul Company and the artist Cliff Garten were delayed. Chair Park chose to take the agenda items out of order to allow time for their arrival.

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

Chair Park said she heard staff members Tegan McLane, community services manager, and Kristin Dance, community services coordinator, made a good presentation at the Sunnyvale Rotary meeting about City of Sunnyvale Art Programs. Commissioner Lawson was in attendance and said he liked the presentation. He requested the web address to look up pictures of Sunnyvale Art in Private Development. Chair Park discussed an idea for an art bicycle ride, and hopes to have a handout available at the Hands on the Arts festival.

-Staff Comments

Superintendent of Community Services Daniel Wax announced that the Report to Council regarding the Murphy Park public art was moved to April 21, 2015. He confirmed that the May Arts Commission meeting will be held as scheduled on May 20, 2015, but will be a joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission to review the 2015/16 budget.

Ms. McLane invited Commissioners to volunteer for Hands on the Arts by April 24, 2015. She announced the Friends of the Sunnyvale Pottery Studio pottery sale on May 1-2, 2015, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Chair Park returned to the regular agenda schedule.

[15-0345](#) Jay Paul Company/Moffett Gateway Public Art Component

Jay Paul Company Sr. Vice President/COO Janette D'Elia described the construction project on Crossman Avenue at E. Java Drive and Moffett Park Drive as two seven-story buildings and a parking garage. She introduced Artist Cliff Garten.

Mr. Garten described the project and his inspiration from the tidal estuaries of the

Bay Area. He described three pieces of art which will be placed along Crossman Avenue. The largest piece is an 8' tall bronze disk placed on a plinth with steps leading to the art piece, which will be located along Crossman Avenue between the two buildings. The disk will have a hole in the middle forming an oculus, and striation similar to a shell or sand formed by the tide. Each building's entryway will have matching art pieces, a sphere shaped with striation and water flowing down the sides. These three pieces meet the public art requirements. A fourth piece, which Jay Paul Company has selected to be placed behind the buildings by the field and parking garage, is a component of the project, but Ms. D'Elia said is not part of the Art in Private Development requirement. Mr. Garten and Ms. D'Elia answered Commissioner's questions regarding the site plan, the location of the art, the size of the art, the design of the landscaping, and the types of public activities anticipated in the areas where the art is situated.

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

Commissioner Lawson moved and Vice Chair Moshier seconded the motion to approve Alternative 1: Approve the artwork as it is proposed. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Chair Park
Commissioner Kiphuth
Commissioner Lawson
Commissioner Moshier

No: 0

The Commissioners explained the rationale for their vote.

Commissioner Kiphuth stated the art meets the requirements. Vice Chair Moshier stated she likes that you can walk around the art and see something in the background. She said she likes that there is plenty of seating available around the art. Commissioner Lawson said that he thought the art could be bigger, because it will appear small in front of a seven-story building. However, he said, 8' is adequate. He said the location allows the art to be seen clearly from Crossman Avenue. He said that he likes the flow between pieces and that it is near an activity so you have an experience close to it; and added he likes Mr. Garten's quote that the piece must "be experienced not looked at." Chair Park stated that it is a spectacular piece, with a level of thought and sophistication. She said the look and feel is cohesive and balanced; the texture and emotionality gives a feeling there is movement; and it creates an environment. She said there is a solid corporate reason to bring up the environmental aspect, in art and landscape, as it unleashes creativity in people, and personnel is a company's biggest expense. She added, this

piece does that.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Park adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.