



# City of Sunnyvale

## Meeting Minutes Arts Commission

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Wednesday, July 19, 2017

7:00 PM

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

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

Vice Chair Kiphuth called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

### **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Vice Chair Kiphuth led the salute to the flag.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 3 - Vice Chair Roberta Kiphuth  
Commissioner Dawna Eskridge  
Commissioner Darien Laird  
**Absent:** 2 - Chair David Koppel  
Commissioner Susannah Vaughan

Chair Koppel (excused)  
Commissioner Vaughan (excused)  
Council Liaison Klein (present)

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

**1.A**     [17-0748](#)     Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes of May 25, 2017

Commissioners requested item 17-0748 be moved to their next regular scheduled meeting due to the current absence of Commissioners that were present at the May 25 meeting.

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

**2**        [17-0746](#)     Arts Program Overview

Community Services Coordinator, Kristin Dance provided an overview of the City's arts program. Community Services Coordinator Dance indicated the City's arts program utilizes a theatre, dance and pottery studio, and a creative arts center where visual arts, music, drama and dance programs are held. In addition, Community Services Coordinator Dance discussed Art in Private Development, Art in Public Places, Sunnyvale's permanent art collection and the Master Plan for Public Art. Staff indicated the City is currently working with a consultant, Cultural Planning Group, to develop the Master Plan for Public Art that will include community meetings, community surveys, stakeholder interviews and a Joint Study Session with the City Council and the Arts Commission on Tuesday, August 15.

Commissioners inquired if there is a website that showcases Sunnyvale's artworks; if the City has a permanent space where artists can showcase their work; and about the gallery that was formerly at the Community Center. Staff indicated that a team of Sunnyvale Leadership Program students recently developed a web-based prototype art map that may be available on the City website in the near future; the City does not have a permanent space for artists to showcase their work; and the gallery at the Community Center closed in 2005 due to budget cuts.

Vice Chair Kiphuth opened the item for public comment, and there being no public comments, closed the item for public comment.

**3**      [17-0747](#)      Election of Officers

Nominations were opened for Chair to the Arts Commission.

Vice Chair Kiphuth nominated Chair Koppel. No further nominations were presented.

Vote on nomination for Chair:

**Yes:** 3 - Vice Chair Kiphuth  
Commissioner Eskridge  
Commissioner Laird

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Chair Koppel  
Commissioner Vaughan

Nominations were opened for Vice Chair to the Arts Commission. Vice Chair Kiphuth nominated Commissioner Vaughan. No further nominations were presented.

Vote on nomination for Vice Chair:

**Yes:** 3 - Vice Chair Kiphuth  
Commissioner Eskridge  
Commissioner Laird

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Chair Koppel  
Commissioner Vaughan

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

Vice Chair Kiphuth inquired about previously discussed potential study issues: art on utility boxes and affordable housing for artists. Superintendent Wax indicated the art on utility boxes was tabled until the completion of the Master Plan for Public Art and Chair Koppel was provided reference material and information about affordable housing for artists; however, no formal study issue has been presented.

### **NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS**

#### **-Commissioner Comments**

Vice Chair Kiphuth discussed the Library's Cart Art Contest that encourages artists to submit their original artwork that will be used to decorate the Library's shelving carts. Vice Chair Kiphuth indicated both herself and Commissioner Vaughan volunteered to be on the planning team for the contest.

#### **-Staff Comments**

Superintendent Wax welcomed Councilmember Klein as the new Council Liaison and introduced new Arts Commissioners Darien Laird and Dawna Eskridge. In addition, Superintendent Wax discussed the rollout of the City's new website and branding, and reminded Commissioners of the State of the City event on Saturday, July 29.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice Chair Kiphuth adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m.