



City of Sunnyvale

Meeting Minutes - Draft Arts Commission

Wednesday, February 20, 2019

7:00 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Eskridge called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Neighborhood Room at the Recreation Center.

SALUTE TO THE FLAG

Vice Chair Eskridge led the salute to the flag.

ROLL CALL

Present: 4 - Vice Chair Dawna Eskridge
Commissioner Jeremie Gluckman
Commissioner Julie Rogers
Commissioner Sue Serrone
Absent: 1 - Chair Susannah Vaughan

Chair Vaughan (excused)
Council Liaison Larsson (absent)

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1 [19-0150](#) Approve the Arts Commission Meeting Minutes of January 16, 2019

Commissioner Serrone moved and Commissioner Gluckman seconded the motion to approve the Arts Commission meeting minutes of January 16, 2019 as submitted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Vice Chair Eskridge
Commissioner Gluckman
Commissioner Serrone

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Chair Vaughan

Abstain: 1 - Commissioner Rogers

Commissioner Rogers abstained due to her absence at the January meeting.

PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS

2 [19-0201](#) Approve Art in Private Development Project - Intuitive Surgical/1050 Kifer Road

Community Services Coordinator, Kristin Dance, introduced Ms. Cynthia Arteaga from Intuitive Surgical to the Commission. Ms. Arteaga gave an overview of Intuitive Surgical and introduced their artist, Mr. Jason Kelly Johnson.

Mr. Johnson provided a presentation on the proposed artwork to be located at 1050 Kifer Road. The presentation reviewed site specifics such as placement, consideration of vehicular/foot traffic and visibility, seating, the use of lighting at night and the surrounding landscape.

Commissioners expressed their appreciation of the artwork and the technical aspect of the fractals.

Commissioners inquired:

- Could the artwork be viewed from above?
- Is the artwork visible from Kifer Road?
- Will there be seating or lighting?
- How is the artwork reflective of Sunnyvale?
- Will there be a description of the artwork?

Mr. Johnson commented:

- The artwork could only be viewed from above by building occupants, not the general public, however, the artwork is a shadow maker and thus will make a reflection on the ground.
- The artwork is viewable from Kifer Road.
- Described how the bench seating and lighting will look.
- The artwork is reflective of Sunnyvale due to the interplay of arts and science.
- A plaque will be added the artwork and will include the name of the artist, the

name of the artwork and a brief description.

Commissioner Gluckman moved and Commissioner Serrone seconded the motion to approve the art with a friendly amendment that the plaque include a brief description of the art. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Vice Chair Eskridge
Commissioner Gluckman
Commissioner Serrone

No: 1 - Commissioner Rogers

Absent: 1 - Chair Vaughan

Commissioner Rogers spoke towards her vote. She expressed concern with the lack of visibility to the artwork from above.

3 [19-0216](#) Approve Art in Private Development Project - Lane Partners/520 Almanor Ave.

Community Services Coordinator, Kristin Dance, introduced art consultant, Ms. Carol Dabb. Ms. Dabb then introduced, Mr. Gordon Huether, Artist. Mr. Huether provided a presentation on the proposed artwork to be located at 520 Almanor Ave. The presentation reviewed site specifics such as placement of the proposed artwork, consideration of vehicular traffic and visibility as well as the inspiration of the artwork.

The Commissioners inquired:

- Clarification regarding water cutting.
- If there was an example of similar artwork?
- Is artwork visible from the freeway or by pedestrians on the sidewalk?
- Concern on keeping the white artwork clean.
- Confirmation on installation.
- Would parking garage lighting be an issue?
- When would installation take place?

Mr. Huether commented:

- Explained the water cutting process.
- Similar artwork can be found at the Trans Bay Terminal in San Francisco.
- The Mathilda and 101 location ensures it can be viewed from the freeway and by pedestrians walking on the sidewalk.

- Ms. Dance provided a brief overview including how maintenance is part of the Art in Private Development ordinance.
- The art would be installed using bolts.
- The garage lighting would produce a light glow and does not pose an issue.
- Installation is estimated to place May 2020.

Commissioner Gluckman moved and Commissioner Serrone seconded the motion to approve the artwork as proposed. The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 4 - Vice Chair Eskridge
Commissioner Gluckman
Commissioner Rogers
Commissioner Serrone

No: 0

Absent: 1 - Chair Vaughan

STANDING ITEM: CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL STUDY ISSUES

None.

NON-AGENDA ITEMS & COMMENTS

-Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Serrone inquired how she could access the presentations heard tonight. Staff informed her that they are available on the city's website.

-Staff Comments

Superintendent of Community Services, Damon Sparacino, reminded the commission that there would be a Special Meeting on Monday, February 25.

Commissioner Eskridge asked if attendance to the Special Meeting was mandatory. Superintendent Sparacino encouraged Commissioners to attend as many meetings as possible however, Special Meetings do not go against their attendance requirements.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Eskridge adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.