



# City of Sunnyvale

## Meeting Minutes - Draft Arts Commission

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Wednesday, October 16, 2019

7:00 PM

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

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### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

### **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Chair Vaughan led the salute to the flag.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 4 - Chair Susannah Vaughan  
Vice Chair Dawna Eskridge  
Commissioner Sue Serrone  
Commissioner Agnes Veith  
**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Jeremie Gluckman

Commissioner Gluckman's absence is excused.  
Council Liaison Goldman present

City Staff present:  
Damon Sparacino, Superintendent of Community Services  
Trenton Hill, Community Services Manager  
Kristin Dance, Community Services Coordinator  
Jackie Davison, Administrative Aide

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Member of the public, Saurav Gandhi spoke on his Eagle Scout Project, a K9 Memorial for Jax and other police dogs. Mr. Gandhi also invited commissioners to the Sunnyvale Halloween Pet Parade & Faire and provided cards with additional information. Mr. Gandhi informed the commission that he will be presenting at the November meeting to provide additional information on his plan for a K9 memorial.



- Are you sitting a distance from the art? Yes, people will be about 10 feet away. You can visit the site to see three of the six previously approved. You will be close enough to see and appreciate the art.
- Are any of the benches covered by trees to protect from the sun? No, however shade does come off of the buildings.
- Is there logic to the path? We wanted to provided the public with flexibility to visit the sculptures that most appeal to them. They can be seen in any order.
- Will there be plaques too? Yes, along with the brochure, there will be a plaque at each sculpture.
- Will the information be on a website as well? Yes, we will have information on the project on the website. Information will also be hosted on the City website.
- Maintenance? The sculptures will age over time and different patinas will develop. They will also need to be washed periodically. A maintenance plan has been developed and sent over the the maintenance team.
- Have you been working with the City on the possible Mary extension? Yes, we have. The City is currently doing an Environmental Impact and review process. It does not impact the project, but we will be prepared if it does go through.
- Are some of the buildings six stories? No, the highest is four.
- What are the heights of the parking garages? Four stories.
- How do the heights compare to others nearby? They are shared heights.
- Which sculptures are completed? Torsion, Hyperbole, Pluie De Cates, Cartes I and Sequences, but Cartes I and Sequences are not installed on site yet.
- Is Arcs the gateway? Eclat is the gateway.
- Where is Arcs on the map? Arcs is located near Building 10.

Chair Vaughan asked if there were any additional comments. With none, she asked

if there was a motion to approve.

Commissioner Serrone moved and Vice Chair Eskridge seconded the motion to approve the artwork as it is proposed. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 4 - Chair Vaughan  
Vice Chair Eskridge  
Commissioner Serrone  
Commissioner Veith

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Gluckman

**3**      [19-1053](#)      Approve Art in Private Development Project - Irvine Company/275 N. Mathilda Ave.

Community Services Coordinator, Kristin Dance, introduced Carlene Matchniff from the Irvine Company. Ms. Matchniff, introduced others from the company including Jose Bustamonte, Mike Clark and Patrick Christy and presented to the commissioners on the project. Highlights from the presentation include: project overview, visibility of artwork, site specifics, renderings and why they picked the artist, John Krawczyk. Ms. Matchniff then invited Mr. Krawczyk up to speak to the commission.

Mr.Krawczyk provided further information on the piece and shared a model of the sculpture to be located at 275 N. Mathilda Ave.

Commissioners inquired and Mr. Krawczyk, Irvine Company reps or staff responded:

- What is the height? The height is 15 to 16 feet.
- What will the piece look like as it ages? It will not change. The piece is made of stainless steel and will stay the same forever. Stainless steel is probably the easiest material to maintain.
- Is maintenance built in? It is up to the project owners to maintain the piece. If staff notices that it is not being maintained,they will contact the property owner.
- There is an arbor currently at the location? There may be. The entire area will be demolished.

- Did anyone notice that there was a bus stop nearby? Yes, we are working with the City and VTA to move the bus stop further North on Mathilda towards Central.

- Will the sculpture be lit at night? Yes, there will be soft, warm lights on the piece. Traffic will also light it some.

- Will the piece cause too much reflection (blind drivers) during certain parts of the day? When installing, we will play with it to make sure it is not blinding people.

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Vice Chair Eskridge  
Commissioner Serrone  
Commissioner Veith

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**Absent:** 1 - Commissioner Gluckman

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

[19-0926](#)

Review Draft Study Issue Paper: Include Diverse Groups of People in the Art Creation Process

Commissioners asked and staff or Council Liaison responded:

- If there are similar study issues, do they get combined? If related, staff would recommend combining.

The commission noted that staff presented the study issue in the correct way and are ready to move the paper forward.

[19-0908](#)

Arts Commission Proposed Study Issues, Calendar Year: 2020

No action was taken. This is a standing item.

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

**-Commissioner Comments**

Chair Vaughan welcomed Agnes Veith, the new Arts Commissioner.

Vice Chair Eskridge commented that she liked the idea of utility box painting. Community Services Manager, Trenton Hill noted that it was in the MPPA and that staff was currently working on it.

**-Staff Comments**

Community Services Manager, Trenton Hill, welcomed Commissioner Veith and invited her to share information on why she wanted to become a commissioner. Commissioner Veith responded.

Commissioner Eskridge noted that she attended the Sunnyvale Heritage Park event a couple of weeks ago and shared some of the activities.

Superintendent of Community Services, Damon Sparacino, shared the Superintendent's Report and thanked the commissioners who were at the October 8 Special Order of the Day.

Community Services Coordinator, Kristin Dance, shared that the murals from the State of the City will be hung up downtown by Sares Regis. Ms. Dance also shared information on the artist juring for Washington Swim Center and Fair Oaks Park. Out of the 18 to 20 that applied (many for both projects), 5 will receive design stipend for Fair Oaks Park and 4 for Washington Swim Center. Once we get the proposals back, they will be brought to the commission.

Commissioner inquire and Ms. Dance responded:

- When will we see the proposals? January or February
- Where is Sares Regis installing the murals. Ground floor of the Target Building across from where Whole Foods and the theater will be. Directly across from the ice rink that will be put in.
- Who is facilitating the ice rink? It's a partnership between Cityline and the Downtown Association. It should be going up in about a month, so we should be hearing more shortly.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Vaughan adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.