

# Master Plan for Public Art

City of Sunnyvale Planning Commission September 28, 2020



#### Overview

- Sunnyvale's current Public Art Program
- Master Plan Process
- Master Plan Objectives
- Ordinance Amendment Recommendation



# Sunnyvale Public Art Program

# Established in 1983



## Art in Public Places

- 62 pieces, owned and maintained by the City. Located in parks, community centers and other City-owned facilities
  - Paintings
  - Tapestries
  - Stained Glass
  - Ceramics
  - Sculptures
  - Murals



## Art in Private Development

- 84 pieces commissioned
- 1% of project construction valuation
- Art on site or in-lieu (in-lieu 1.1%)





#### Master Plan for Public Art

- Provide Council with strategies and funding options to:
  - Broaden the scope of public art programs
  - Address community vision and aspirations
  - Formalize a process for spending the Public Art Fund



## Master Plan Process

- Community engagement-2016-2017
- Staff refined consultant report-2018
- City Council Study Session-June 2019
- City Council Study Session-August 2020
- Arts Commission-September 2020
- Planning Commission-September 2020
- City Council-October 2020



## What Type of Public Art Would You Like to See?

- 1. Functional art (benches, bike racks, etc.)
- 2. Whimsical small-scale art (utility box art)
- 3. Art integrated into natural environment
- 4. Art Integrated into new public spaces



### **Master Plan Objectives**

- 1. Broaden the scope of public art programs.
- 2. Enhance the management of public art programs.
- 3. Encourage involvement of the Arts Commission and community in the public art process.
- 4. Develop web-based and self-guided tour programs for public and private art in Sunnyvale.
- 5. Incorporate a systematic approach to conservation and maintenance of the public art collection.
- 6. Update Sunnyvale codes, policies and procedures to align with the Master Plan for Public Art.

# Preferred Implementation Option

- 2. Expand Public Art through increased Art in Private Development in-lieu fee incentives
  - a. Increasing the art requirement percentage to 1.5% while maintaining the current in-lieu fee of 1.1%



## Art in Private Development Trends (2013-2019)

- 26 total projects required Public Art
- 18 of 26 projects opted to place art on-site
- Average art percentage was 2.11%, and the median was 1.66% per project
- 10 projects spent above 1.5%, highest spending 6.26%



#### Recommendation

 Recommend that City Council introduce an Ordinance Amending Sunnyvale Municipal Code Chapter 19.52 (Art in Private Development) to increase the Percentage for Art Requirement from 1% to 1.5%



#### Next Steps

- September 28<sup>th</sup> Planning Commission reviews the ordinance amendment and makes recommendation to Council
- 2. October 27<sup>th</sup> Council scheduled to approve
  - 1. MPPA
  - 2. Sunnyvale Municipal Code amendment
  - 3. Public Art Fund project proposal