



# City of Sunnyvale

## Meeting Minutes - Draft Arts Commission

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Wednesday, May 19, 2021

6:00 PM

Telepresence Meeting: City Web Stream

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**Special Meeting - 6:00 PM | Special Joint Meeting with the Parks and Recreation  
Commission - 7 PM**

### **TELECONFERENCE NOTICE**

Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 10, 2020, the meeting was conducted telephonically.

### **6:00 P.M. SPECIAL ARTS COMMISSION MEETING**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Eskridge called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. via teleconference.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 3 - Chair Dawna Eskridge  
Vice Chair Sue Serrone  
Commissioner Susannah Vaughan  
**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Jeremie Gluckman  
Commissioner Agnes Veith

Commissioner Gluckman's absence is unexcused.  
Commissioner Veith's absence is excused.

Council Liaison Klein (Present)

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Eskridge opened oral communications and there was no public testimony, closed oral communications.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

**A**      [21-0550](#)      Public Art Project Ranking Results

Trenton Hill, Recreation Services Manager, provided a presentation on the Public

Art Project Ranking Results. The highest ranking item per category are as follows:

Functional art project - permanent artistic benches for City parks and open spaces

Whimsical small-scale projects - small-scale murals throughout the City

Temporary/rotating art projects - placement of identifiable sculptures altered by artists throughout City spaces.

Commissioners inquired and staff responded:

Was there any correlation between the public's and the Commissioner's rankings?

No major disparity between the rankings.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Commissioner Vaughan moved and Commissioner Serrone seconded the motion to approve the consent calendar as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:

**Yes:** 3 - Chair Eskridge  
Vice Chair Serrone  
Commissioner Vaughan

**No:** 0

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Gluckman  
Commissioner Veith

1      [21-0503](#)      Approve the Arts Commission Meeting Minutes of April 21, 2021

Approve the Arts Commission Minutes of April 21, 2021 as submitted.

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

2      [21-0544](#)      Approve Art in Private Development Project - Minkoff Group/100 Altair Way

Trenton Hill, Recreation Services Manager, introduced the Arts in Private Development Project - Minkoff Group/100 Altair Way.

Dan Minkoff, Principal at Minkoff Group, and David Brenner, Artist, provided detailed information regarding the project. Highlights included: bio, art process, previous projects, Growth of Tomorrow rendering and plaque with QR code.

Commissioners inquired and artist responded.

Will the art piece be self-watering? Yes, the hydroponics system will have sensors that track moisture level and will have automated irrigation setup.

Who will be responsible for the maintenance cost? The property owners will be responsible for the maintenance.

Will the art piece have aromatic plants to create a multi-sensory experience? Yes, several of the plants will provide a fragrance. The public are encouraged to touch and smell the plants on the art piece.

Will there be any seating areas near the art piece? Yes, there will be benches placed near the art piece.

Kristin Dance, Recreation Services Coordinator II, and David Minkoff informed the Commission that there will be an interior piece that will be a continuation of the exterior art piece. David Minkoff noted that the interior piece will not be voted on by the Arts Commission.

Commissioner Serrone moved and Commissioner Vaughan seconded the motion to approve the Art in Private Development Project - Minkoff Group/100 Altair Way.

The motion carried by the following vote:

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

Standing item. No study issues approved in previous meeting were proposed.

**Adjournment Special Meeting**

Chair Eskridge adjourned the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

**7 P.M. JOINT ARTS COMMISSION AND PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING**

**TELECONFERENCE NOTICE**

Pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Newsom on March 17, 2020, the meeting was conducted telephonically.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kenton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference.

### **ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 8 - Chair Dawna Eskridge  
Vice Chair Sue Serrone  
Commissioner Susannah Vaughan  
Ralph Kenton  
Prakash Giri  
Mike Michitaka  
Gregory Dibb  
Daniel Bremond

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Jeremie Gluckman  
Commissioner Agnes Veith

Commissioner Gluckman's absence is unexcused.

Commissioner Veith's absence is excused.

Council Liaison Klein (Present)

Council Liaison Hendricks (Absent)

### **PRESENTATIONS**

**3**      [21-0590](#)      Boards and Commission Subcommittee Meeting Briefing for  
May 5, 2021

Ralph Kenton, Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission, provided a presentation on the Boards and Commission Subcommittee Meeting for May 5, 2021. Highlights included: purpose of subcommittee, participants, dates, calendar schedule, recommendations and summary of subcommittee meetings.

Commissioners inquired and Chair responded:

Can Commissioners be CC'd on City responses from the Parks and Recreation Commission AP? Yes, staff will CC Commissioners for future correspondence.

Mayor Klein informed the Commission that the City is considering the idea of removing the voter registration requirement for Boards and Commission positions, and simplifying the code of ethics policy.

Damon Sparacino informed the Commission that discussion items are ongoing between Council members and key staff.

### **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

Chair Kenton opened oral communications and there was no public testimony, closed oral communications.

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

#### **4      [21-0551](#)      Review and Approve FY 2021/22 Recommended Budget**

Tim Kirby, Director of Finance, provided a presentation on the FY 2021/22 Recommended Budget. Highlights included: budget approval process, key dates, budget supplements 1 & 2, overview of budget, economic context, American Rescue Act funding, investment in public safety operations, cultural inclusion project, operating budget, city-wide budget, city-wide revenue, expenditures, reserves, park dedication fund and general parks project updates.

Commissioners inquired and artist responded.

Do Commission voted items have any impact on the budget? Yes, any item that is voted upon that deals with tax or fees will have an effect on the City and sources of funding.

Does the City have a plan to attract businesses post COVID? Yes, the City employs an Economic Development Manager. Her primary job is to create policies that are responsive and business-friendly.

Chair Kenton opened public comment.

Leesa Riviere, Sunnyvale resident, asked if the City had budget plans for public transportation, such as VTA? Currently not aware of any public transportation budget plans, but the budget will consider all aspects within the City.

Colin Dixon, Sunnyvale resident, asked if the park's usage due to COVID had any affect on the budget? Yes, the transient occupancy tax and sales tax were greatly affected by the pandemic.

Chair Kenton closed public comment.

**Yes: 8 -** Chair Eskridge  
Vice Chair Serrone  
Commissioner Vaughan  
Kenton  
Giri  
Michitaka  
Dibb  
Bremmond

**No: 0**

**Absent: 2 -** Commissioner Gluckman  
Commissioner Veith

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

#### **-Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Bremmond asked if the City had plans to open more swim lanes at the Fremont Swim Complex? Not yet, staff is working with the County to gauge protocols.

Commissioner Vaughan thanks Commissioners, staff and the public for attending the Hands on the Arts Drive-Through event.

Commissioner Kenton informed the Commissioners that he is intending to propose a budget issue on adding additional pickle ball courts and funding restrooms at Las Palmas Park.

#### **-Staff Comments**

Trenton Hill and Mayor Klein thanked the Arts Commissioners and City staff for creating a successful Hands on the Arts Drive-Through event.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Kenton adjourned the meeting at 8:49 p.m.