

MINUTES
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
Joint Meeting with City Council
Council Chambers, City Hall
April 27, 2015
6:00PM

Council Members Present: **Karen Holman – Mayor, Greg Schmid – Vice Mayor, Patrick Burt, Eric Filseth, Cory Wolbach, Mark Berman** arrived at 7:12 PM, **Gregory Scharff** arrived at 7:57 PM, **Tom DuBois** arrived at 8:17 PM.

Council Members Absent: **Liz Kniss**

Commissioners Present: **Amanda Beard Ross, Loren Gordon, Jim Migdal, Ben Miyaji, Nia Taylor, Mila Zelkha**

Commissioners Absent: **Dara Olmstead**

Staff present: **Elise DeMarzo, Public Art Program Manager**
 Rhyena Halpern, Assistant Director, CSD

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 6:37 by Mayor Karen Holman.

ROLL CALL

AGENDA CHANGES – none.

STUDY SESSION – PUBLIC ART COMMISSION AND CITY COUNCIL

Presentation by PAC – the Commission gave a presentation to City Council to provide an overview of the PAC’s achievements in 2014, ongoing projects, and future plans. As part of the presentation, Commissioners showed images of projects that have been installed since the last joint meeting, including artworks at the Mitchell Park Library and Community Center, Rinconada Library and Palo Alto Art Center, Palo Alto Water Quality Control Plant, California Avenue Plaza, and temporary artwork in downtown Palo Alto. The Commissioners also provided updates on the Public Art in Private Development Ordinance, and discussed some of the projects that are in process. Then the Commission provided an overview of the Updated Municipal Ordinance and highlighted significant changes it introduced. The Commissioners provided an overview of artworks donated to the City collection of public art in 2014. The Commissioners also discussed the public art projects currently in progress, including the new-media installation by artist Susan Narduli in the City Hall lobby and temporary light and sound installation by artists Ala Ebtekar and Binta Ayofemi for the University Avenue pedestrian tunnel. Commissioners highlighted some details of the ongoing public art master planning process and discussed other ongoing and upcoming projects, including maintenance of the collection, temporary public art program, marketing and outreach efforts, and condition assessment of the collection. The presentation was followed by a discussion led by City Council members.

The study session was adjourned at 8:35 PM by Mayor Shepherd.