

MINUTES
PUBLIC ART
COMMISSION Thursday,
July 23, 2015
SPECIAL MEETING
Community Meeting Room
City Hall, 250 Hamilton Ave
7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: **Jim Migdal, Ben Miyaji, Dara Silverstein, Loren Gordon, Mila Zelkha, Amanda Ross** joined the meeting at 7:13.

Commissioners Absent: **Nia Taylor**

Staff present: **Elise DeMarzo, Public Art Program Director**
 Nadya Chuprina, Public Art Program Assistant

CALL TO ORDER – The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Chair Migdal.

ADDITIONS, CHANGES, REQUESTS, DELETIONS – None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Commissioner Dara Olmsted Silverstein made a correction to the May 21 Minutes to correct the spelling of her last name. **Moved as Corrected:** Vice Chair Miyaji moved to approve the May 21 Minutes. **Second:** Commissioner Zelkha. **All in Favor. Moved:** Vice Chair Ben Miyaji moved to approve the May 27 Minutes: PAC / City Council Joint Study Session. **Second:** Chair Migdal. **Abstained:** Commissioner Silverstein.

STAFF COMMENTS – DeMarzo updated the Commission on the Confluence Event on July 14th to celebrate the completion of Mike Szabo’s water sculpture for the renovated California Avenue Plaza near the Caltrain Station. DeMarzo also provided an update on the reinstallation of Seyed Alavi’s *Forgotten Languages*, a site-specific artwork for the City Hall Lobby. DeMarzo updated the Commission on the status of the ongoing Public Art Master Planning process. As part of the outreach phase of PAMP, the consultants conducted a number of group and individual meetings, including an Artist Focus Group on June 13 and Community Outreach Meeting on July 14. Feedback provided at the meeting will be incorporated into the draft of the master planning document.

ACTION

1. **Public Art Master Plan** – Staff provided background information for the Public Art Master Planning project. As part of the community outreach phase, PAC earmarked funds to support an artist-led outreach project for the master plan. Staff put out a limited call for conceptual proposals. A selection panel comprised of city staff, PAC commissioners and Barbara Goldstein reviewed 3 proposals and selected Mobile Arts Platform (artists Chris Treggiari and Peter Foucault) as the finalist. The project entitled “What’s the Big Idea” will take place over a three

month period from August to September to gather community input and ideas that will be incorporated into the Public Art Master Plan. Staff recommended the approval of Mobile Arts Platform as the artist-led outreach project and requested an allocation of \$10,000 to fund the project. **Moved:** Commissioner Silverstein. **Second:** Vice Chair Miyaji. **All in favor.**

2. **Temporary Public Art** – Staff provided background information for the Temporary Public Art on King Plaza. Staff recommended the approval of four temporary public art installations on King Plaza throughout 2015-16, including *Rondo I* by Bruce Beasley, *Chime* by Dan Gottwald and Scott Watkins, *Ball Pit* by George Zisiadis, and an installation by Aaron Lee Benson. These installations are a modest beginning to a regular temporary art program for King Plaza that will be implemented after the public art Master Plan recommendations are in place. Staff also showed a few other projects that are under consideration for King Plaza should scheduling conflicts arise. Staff then shared some examples of more ambitious projects that the PAC may want to think about in the future. Staff requested the PAC approve funding for the Beasley installation in the amount of \$10,000, the *Chime* installation – up to \$5,000, and an artist stipend in the amount of \$1,500 to create a prototype for the Pit Ball installation. **Moved:** Vice Chair Miyaji. **Second:** Commissioner Zelkha. **All in favor.**

NON-ACTION

3. **Update on the Highway 101 Bike and Pedestrian Bridge Project** – Staff provided a status update on the project development. The city is moving with contract negotiations as the design team has been selected. An open call for artists will be launched shortly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

August 20: Public Art Commission regular meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned 7:53 PM by Chair Migdal.