



MINUTES
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MEETING
Thursday, January 20, 2022
Virtual teleconference via Zoom
7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Nia Taylor, Loren Gordon, Lisa Waltuch, Ben Miyaji

Commissioners Absent: Hsinya Shen

Staff Present: Elise DeMarzo Public Art Program Director
Nadya Chuprina, Public Art Program Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER - Chair Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

AGENDA CHANGES, REQUESTS, DELETIONS – None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - PAC Special Meeting November 4, 2021 **Moved:** Commissioner Miyaji, **Second:** Commissioner Waltuch. **All in Favor.**

STAFF COMMENTS - Staff updated the Commissioners on the development status of the professional services agreement for the King Residency artist Rayos Magos.

ACTION:

1. **Adoption of Resolution** – Commissioners reviewed the resolution authorizing the use of teleconferencing for the Public Art Commission meetings during Covid-19 state of emergency. On September 16, 2021, the Governor signed AB 361, a bill that amends the Brown Act, effective October 1, 2021, to allow local policy bodies to continue to meet by teleconferencing during a state of emergency without complying with restrictions in State law that would otherwise apply, provided that the policy bodies make certain findings at least once every 30 days. **Moved:** Vice Chair Gordon moved to approve the resolution authorizing the use of teleconferencing for the Public Art Commission meetings. **Second:** Commissioner Miyaji. **All in Favor.**
2. **Public Art Microgrants** – Staff provided a summary of the first round of ArtLift Microgrant projects realized in 2020-21 and recommended allocation of funding in the amount of \$40,000 to fund another series of Microgrants from the CIP Art in Public Places budget. Staff will release a call for artists and creatives to fund up to ten selected proposals with a \$4,000 budget each. ArtLift Microgrant projects will focus on playing, belonging, community participation and promoting shared experiences in and around Palo Alto. **Moved:** Vice Chair Gordon moved to

allocate funding in the amount of \$40,000 for a series of 10 ArtLift Microgrants. **Second:** Chair Taylor. **All in Favor.**

3. **Collection Care** – Staff provided an update on the condition of *Confluence* by artist Mike Szabo and provided a rationale for the needed routine maintenance treatment for the water sculpture. Staff requested that the Commission approve funding in the amount of up to \$4,000 for the maintenance treatment. **Moved:** Commissioner Miyaji moved to approve funding for the maintenance of *Confluence*. **Second:** Commissioner Waltuch. **All in Favor.**
4. **Collection Care** – Staff provided an overview and shared images of the current condition of concrete pads for *Movement IV* by Steven Jay Rand and *Albuquerque* by Gale Wagner and requested that the Commission allocate funding for the repair and expansion of the concrete pads for the artworks. Staff will contact artist Gale Wagner to notify him about the upcoming works to expend the pad for his sculpture. **Moved:** Chair Taylor moved to approve funds in the amount of \$3,300 for the repair work. **Second:** Commissioner Miyaji. **All in Favor.**
5. **Collection Care** – Staff provided an overview of the site-specific media artwork *Conversation* by Susan Narduli located at the City Hall lobby and updated the Commission on its current operational status. Due to some outdated software features, the artwork's interactive kiosk does not allow viewers to interact with the artwork and submit their comments and photos. Staff reached out to Susan Narduli for a proposal to upgrade the hardware and software support as well as redesign the interactive kiosk user experience. Staff requested that the Commission approve funding in the amount of up to \$8,000 for the necessary maintenance updates and redevelopment of the touchscreen kiosk. **Moved:** Vice Chair Gordon moved to approve funding for the maintenance of *Conversation*. **Second:** Commissioner Miyaji. **All in Favor.**
6. **New Acquisition of Artwork** – Staff provided an overview of CASP artist Chandrika Marla's statement and about the artwork titled *Meet Me Halfway* offered for donation to the City's public art collection. Staff made a recommendation to accept the artwork donation. **Moved:** Vice Chair Gordon moved to approve the gift of the artwork to the City's collection. **Second:** Commissioner Miyaji. **All in Favor.**

NON-ACTION:

7. **PAC Workplan 2022** – Commissioners led an initial discussion regarding the next steps and planning efforts for the PAC 2022 Annual Workplan and Performing Measures for the City Council review and approval. Commissioners discussed using the PAC September 2021 approved priorities in new workplan. Commissioners agreed to add a discussion item in the upcoming PAC regular meeting in February to finalize the list of initiatives and projects under the working priorities for 2022. Staff will provide supporting documents to allow Commissioners prepare for the discussion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – FOG Design+Art January 20-23.

CALENDAR: Next PAC Regular Meeting – February 17 at 7 pm (virtual).

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:36 pm by Chair Taylor.