



MINUTES
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MEETING
Thursday, April 20, 2023
Community Meeting Room & Virtual
7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Participating: Lisa Waltuch, Loren Gordon, Hsinya Shen, Ben Miyaji

Commissioners Absent: Nia Taylor

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

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Shen called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

AGENDA CHANGES, REQUESTS, DELETIONS – None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - PAC Regular Meeting March 16, 2023 **Moved:** Commissioner Miyaji;
Second: Vice Chair Gordon. **All in Favor.**

STAFF COMMENTS – Staff announced an upcoming CASP Open Studios event on April 29th from 1-5 pm. Staff also provided an update on Meet the Artists virtual event for the California Ave District Murals Festival with participating artists Nicole Ponsler, Paz de la Calzada, and Olivia Losee-Unger.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. **Public Art in Private Development** – Final review and approval of Public Art in Private Development associated with Castilleja School. Staff provided an overview of the project timeline, including initial and interim presentations to the PAC by the Castilleja School team. Tessa Wilcox with Artsource Consulting made a presentation about the proposed public art plan for Castilleja School, including project goals and artist selection criteria and process, proposed locations for the placement of art. The consultant then introduced the selected project artists (Kylie White, Ellen Harvey; and Masako Miki) and their conceptual proposals. There was some discussion about student engagement during design development and fabrication methods for the artworks, as well as opportunities to integrate qr codes into onsite signage to enhance public accessibility. **Moved:** Vice Chair Gordon moved to approve the Public Art in Private Development plan for Castilleja School. **Second:** Commissioner Miyaji. **All in Favor.**
2. **Approval of Funds for On-Call Structural Engineering Services** – Staff provided a scope and overview the ongoing contract with Hohbach-Lewin Inc, for providing on-call structural engineering services to support various public art projects, including temporary public art installations, King AIR temporary installations, Code:ART installations and others Staff

requested that the PAC allocate additional funds in the amount of \$10,000 to be added to the extended contract with the consultant. **Motion:** Commissioner Miyaji moved to approve additional funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the extended contract with Hohbach-Lewin Inc. **Second:** Commissioner Waltuch. **All in Favor.**

- 3. Collection Care** – Staff provided an update on the current physical condition of a group of sculptures titled *Wild* by artist Beth Nybeck permanently placed at Hoover Park and recommended that the Commission approve funding in the amount of up to \$5,550 for the refurbishment of one of the sculptures (Mama Bear). **Motion:** Commissioner Waltuch moved to approve funding for the repair of the artwork. **Second:** Commissioner Miyaji. **All in Favor.**

NON-ACTION:

- 4. PAC Priorities Document** – Commissioners reviewed the draft document and discussed further steps to finalize the document. PAC Chair and Vice Chair requested that other commissioners submit their comments to Public Art staff by May 1 to allow time for the final edits. The final draft will be presented to the PAC at the May 18th meeting for the final approval and then be submitted to City Council for their review and approval.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chair Shen shared with the PAC that she is intending to write to City Council and advocate for reinstating the PAC to a 7-member commission.

CALENDAR: Next PAC Regular Meeting – May 18, 7 pm at City Hall Community Meeting Room.

MEETING ADJOURNED: at 7:56 pm by Chair Shen.