



MINUTES
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MEETING
Thursday, October 19, 2023
Community Meeting Room & Virtual
7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Participating: Nia Taylor, Lisa Waltuch, Ben Miyaji

Commissioners Absent: Hsinya Shen, Loren Gordon

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

CALL TO ORDER – Commissioner Miyaji called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA CHANGES, REQUESTS, DELETIONS – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - PAC Regular Meeting September 21, 2023 **Moved:** Commissioner Taylor;
Second: Commissioner Waltuch. **All in Favor.**

STAFF COMMENTS – Staff announced upcoming CASP Open Studios event at Cubberley Community Center on November 4th.

NON-ACTION:

- 1. Code:ART 2023** – Staff updated the Commission on the concluded Code:ART 2023 interactive media art festival in downtown Palo Alto that took place October 12-14, 5-10 pm. Staff shared images and a video highlighting the public engaging with the seven art installations. Over 13,000 people were estimated to have visited the festival. Staff thanked the Commissioners, volunteers and CASP artists volunteering during the event. There was some discussion among the Commissioners about future plans for the next edition of Code:ART, need to increase commission budgets and many benefits of bringing more events of high artistic excellence to Palo Alto. Staff to report back with more metrics from Code:ART 2023 after processing survey evaluations collected during the event.

ACTION:

- 2. King Artist Residency** – Staff provided an overview of the vision and goals for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. & Coretta Scott King artist residency program, engaging the community in conversations about equity, inclusion, and belonging in Palo Alto launched in 2021. Based on experience of the two initial residences, input from the King Residency ad-hoc committee, and

artist feedback staff indicated some proposed refinements to the residency processes including updating some language in the call for artists, expanding the definition of community creative engagement, and adding a Q&A session for artists applying for the call. Staff made a recommendation to approve funds in the amount of \$50,000 for a new call for artists for the next residency. Staff would like to launch the new call before the end of the year 2023. **Move:** Commissioner Miyaji moved to approve the funds in the amount of \$50,000 for the next King Residency. **Second:** Commissioner Waltuch. **All in Favor.**

PUBLIC LETTERS: - None

COMMISSIONER REQUESTS: - None

CALENDAR: Next PAC Regular Meeting – November 16, 7 pm at City Hall Community Meeting Room.

MEETING ADJOURNED: at 7:27 pm by Commissioner Miyaji.