



**MINUTES**  
**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Thursday, November 29, 2023**  
**Community Meeting Room & Virtual**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Commissioners Participating:** Lisa Waltuch, Ben Miyaji, Hsinya Shen, Nia Taylor (attended remotely under “just cause”)

**Commissioners Absent:** Loren Gordon

**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.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - PAC Regular Meeting October 19, 2023 **Moved:** Commissioner Miyaji;  
**Second:** Commissioner Waltuch. **All in Favor.**

STAFF COMMENTS – Staff provided an update and shared photos of the CASP Open Studios event at Cubberley Community Center on November 4. Staff also announced an upcoming virtual meet the artists event for the Boulware Park public art project on November 30.

NON-ACTION:

- 1. Public Art in Private Development** – Initial review of Public Art in Private Development associated with the 824 San Antonio Road development project. Athena Carter with the applicant’s project team provided an overview of the development project to the PAC, a 4-story private residential senior living care facility. As indicated in the submitted public art application, the project art budget is estimated at \$369,421 and the developer intends to integrate art onsite. The presenter shared renderings of the building and pointed out the developer’s desire to incorporate public art into one of the three metal architectural screens on building’s façade facing San Antonio Road. No art consultant or artist have been engaged by the applicant team yet. Commissioners reviewed provided renderings of the building and asked clarifying questions whether the privacy screen identified as a placeholder for public art had been already part of the overall design of the building, noting that the percent for art funds should not offset the cost of existing design elements, and the whole art budget should be used on art. Commissioners were supportive of the San Antonio facing location and scale of the artwork on the screen. Commissioners emphasized the importance of impactful art at the site, and asked the applicant to

consider daytime and evening experience of the artwork. There was some discussion about the integration of color in the screen artwork and the potential to incorporate artwork into other public areas of the building, should the budget allow.

**PUBLIC LETTERS:** - None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Staff announced an upcoming Let's Glow SF projection festival commencing on December 1. Staff also reminded the Commissioners about the PAC Annual Retreat scheduled for January 12, 1-5 pm at the Downtown Library. Additionally, staff announced that a Council colleagues memo requesting the reinstatement of the PAC as a seven-member commission will be on the City Council agenda on December 4. Chair Shen will be attending the meeting to address Council member in support of approving the reinstatement and encouraged other Commissioners to also attend and support the measure.

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

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** at 7:28 pm by Chair Shen.