



MINUTES
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MEETING
Thursday, February 16, 2023
Community Meeting Room & Virtual
7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Participating: Nia Taylor, Hsinya Shen, Ben Miyaji (virtually)

Commissioners Absent: Lisa Waltuch, Loren Gordon

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 7:00 p.m.

AGENDA CHANGES, REQUESTS, DELETIONS – None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

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

STAFF COMMENTS – Staff provided an update on the installation of a temporary sculpture by artist Rayos Magos concluding his year-long King residency. A community event will take place on the plaza on February 24th at 4 pm.

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. **Moved:** Chair Taylor moved to approve the resolution authorizing the use of teleconferencing for the Public Art Commission meetings. **Second:** Commissioner Miyaji. **All in Favor.**
2. **Remote Meeting Attendance Policy** - City Attorney Tim Shimizu presented a new state policy titled AB 2449 Remote Attendance and talked the Commissioners through all the requirements to remote meeting participation after the State of California ends the COVID-19 state of emergency February 28, 2023. Commissioners asked clarifying questions regarding any additional limitations to that policy for the Public Art Commission. **Motion:** Commissioner Shen made a motion not to impose any additional restrictions to the remote attendance policy. **Second:** Commissioner Miyaji. **All in Favor.**

3. **California Avenue Murals Event** – Staff provided an overview of the artist selection process, tentative timeline, identified walls and budgets for commissioning up to three long-term temporary murals along California Avenue. Staff recommended that the PAC approve funding in the amount of up to \$40,000 to paint murals. **Moved:** Commissioner Shen moved to approve the funds. **Second:** Commissioner Miyaji. **All in Favor.**

4. **Collection Care** – Staff provided an update on the current physical condition of a permanently installed metal sculpture titled Birdie by artist Joyce Hsu and recommended that the Commission approves funding in the amount of up to \$6,000 for the refurbishment treatment of the artwork. **Moved:** Commissioner Miyaji made a motion to allocate maintenance funds. **Second:** Chair Taylor. **All in Favor.**

ACTION:

5. **Code:ART** – Staff provided an update on the Code:ART festival and the artists and artist teams selected for the six selected Urban Interventions, including Cory Barr and Paul Mans, Jeffrey Yip, Tong Wu, Ruokan He, Steven Wallace, and Pneuhaus. Staff shared conceptual images and descriptions for the 6 Code:ART Urban Intervention new media installations. The festival will take place on October 12, 13, and 14, 2023 in downtown Palo Alto.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None.

CALENDAR: Next PAC Regular Meeting – March 16, 7 pm (hybrid) at City Hall Community Meeting Room.

MEETING ADJOURNED: at 8:01 pm by Chair Taylor.