

**MINUTES
SARATOGA PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
ARTWORK EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES SUBCOMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Gloria Wu, Commissioner Siana Smith
Absent: None
Also Present: Crystal Bothelio

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

None

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Artwork Exhibit Opportunities

Recommended Action:

Receive information on artwork exhibit opportunities from staff. Consider options for implementation of the Artwork Exhibit Opportunities work plan item and prepare a recommendation for implementation to be considered by the Public Art Commission at the March 20, 2023 meeting. If needed, additional meetings may be rescheduled to prepare a final recommendation to the Commission.

Crystal Bothelio, Consultant, provided an overview of various City facilities that may be appropriate for artwork exhibitions.

Commissioner Siana Smith noted that many locations would only be available for a temporary display and indicated a preference for a longer display period, such as 3 to 4 weeks. She inquired into the availability of Montalvo Arts Center or West Valley College.

Crystal Bothelio, Consultant, noted that those options could be explored. Additionally, the Saratoga Library may also be an option for a longer-term exhibit.

Vice Chair Gloria Wu also suggested Hakone Gardens as an exhibit option.

Commissioner Siana Smith considered opportunities for exhibiting artwork at Hakone, such as an exhibit featuring Asian American artists and an opening reception.

Vice Chair Gloria Wu proposed exhibiting artwork when Hakone has fewer rentals.

Commissioner Siana Smith contemplated options for proceeds from art sales to be partially donated to the Hakone Foundation.

Vice Chair Gloria Wu questioned if art purchases would be tax deductible if a portion of the sale or all of the sale went to benefit the foundation.

Crystal Bothelio, Consultant, said that additional information about exhibition opportunities at Hakone, the Library, and West Valley College could be shared at a future meeting. She also suggested that the committee raise feasibility of exhibiting at Montalvo during the Commission meeting on January 23, which will include a representative of Montalvo.

Vice Chair Gloria Wu suggested an exhibit focused on gender and equality in the arts and opportunities to apply for National Foundation for the Arts grants.

Commissioner Siana Smith suggested selecting jurors to evaluate art and develop themes, as well as an open call for artists beyond just Saratoga.

Vice Chair Gloria Wu suggested a plein art event.

Commissioner Siana Smith added that there may be opportunities to collaborate with the Saratoga Rotary Art Show.

The subcommittee brainstormed logistics for a plein art event and collaboration with the Saratoga Rotary Art Show, such as how to erect a temporary display of artwork during the show, judging artwork, and winner prizes.

The subcommittee agreed to meet again on February 28, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Crystal Bothelio, Consultant