

**MINUTES
SARATOGA PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 22, 2023**

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Ramya Vasu called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Chair Ramya Vasu, Vice Chair Gloria Wu, Commissioner James Cai, Siana Smith
Absent: Sohini Kar
Also Present: Crystal Bothelio

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

None

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Public Art Commission Minutes

Recommended Action:

Review and approve the minutes from the January 23, 2023 meeting.

VASU/CAI MOVED TO **APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 23, 2023 MEETING.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: CAI, SMITH, VASU. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: KAR, WU.

2. Paint the City Artwork Recommendation

Recommended Action:

Recommend City Council approval of artwork that received the most votes during community voting on Paint the City conceptual artwork.

Crystal Bothelio, consultant, shared that received the most votes during community voting on Paint the City conceptual artwork.

Chair Ramya Vasu opened the public comment period.

The following people requested to speak:

Emilie commented on artwork submitted by Saratoga High School students and panel placement in the conceptual designs.

WU/CAI MOVED TO **RECOMMEND CITY COUNCIL APPROVAL OF ARTWORK THAT RECEIVED THE MOST VOTES DURING COMMUNITY VOTING ON PAINT THE CITY CONCEPTUAL ARTWORK AND ALLOW ARTISTS TO HAVE THE FLEXIBILITY TO ADJUST ARTWORK PLACEMENT ON PANELS.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: CAI, SMITH, VASU, WU. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: KAR.

3. Fiscal Year 2023/24 Work Plan

Recommended Action:

Receive update on the City Council approved Fiscal Year 2023/24 Work Plan and consider changes to work plan subcommittee assignments as well as implementation timelines.

Chair Ramya Vasu shared a summary of the Commission Work Plan Study Session and Council approved work plan items for Fiscal Year 2023/24, including current subcommittee assignments and implementation schedules.

The Commission discussed the City Council's action related to the work plan and options for moving forward with Council approved efforts.

The Commission asked if staff could work with Saratoga Loves Poetry winners to create a video recording of writers reading their poems.

The Commission discussed the City's budget for public art, ways that the Commission and committees can work most efficiently and in compliance with the Brown Act, and brainstormed options for implementing Council approved work plan items.

Commissioner Siana Smith noted that she would be unavailable to meet August to November and requested an adjustment to the Artwork Exhibit Opportunities timeline.

VASU/WU MOVED TO **REVISE THE ARTWORK EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE**. MOTION PASSED. AYES: CAI, SMITH, VASU, WU. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: KAR.

The Commission requested a schedule of upcoming events to host rock painting at.

4. Chalk Art and #SaratogaROCKS

Recommended Action:

Discuss opportunities to host chalk art or #SaratogaROCKS activities at upcoming community events. Upcoming events include: Saratoga Summer Movie Nights (June 16, July 21, and August 18). Discuss opportunities for Commissioners to deliver rock painting kits to local organizations.

The Commission discussed hosting rock painting at upcoming events and requested a schedule of upcoming events.

5. Future Agenda items

Recommended Action:

Consider agenda items for upcoming meetings. The next regular meeting is on July 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at Saratoga City Hall in the Linda Callon Conference Room.

The Commission reviewed the agenda planner and requested no changes to upcoming July 17, 2023 agenda items.

ADJOURNMENT

VASU/CAI MOVED TO **ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 7:49 P.M.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: CAI, SMITH, VASU, WU. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: KAR.