

**MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 17, 2019
PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING**

The Public Art Committee meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m. at Saratoga City Hall, Linda Callon Conference Room at 13777 Fruitvale Avenue.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Council Members Mary-Lynne Bernald, Yan Zhao
ABSENT: None
ALSO PRESENT: Crystal Bothelio, Assistant City Manager
Kayla Nakamoto, Community Engagement Coordinator

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS ON NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS

None

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Public Art Committee Minutes

Recommended Action:

Review and approve the Public Art Committee minutes from August 13, 2019.

ZHAO/BERNALD MOVED TO **APPROVE THE PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE MINUTES FROM AUGUST 13, 2019.** MOTION PASSED. AYES: BERNALD, ZHAO. NOES: NONE. ABSTAIN: NONE. ABSENT: NONE.

2. Bronze Sculpture Program

Recommended Action:

Discuss implementation of the bronze sculpture program.

Kayla Nakamoto, Community Engagement Coordinator, provided a status update on the bronze acorn sculpture program, including draft hints to help locate the acorns and a proposal to place plaques at 2 to 3 locations near the acorns to provide a brief summary of the program and direct the public to the City website to find hints. The installation is expected to be complete in late January or February.

Council Member Bernald suggested an event to celebration installation of the acorns as early as possible to avoid possible rains in February.

The Committee requested two plaques, one at the Civic Center and another in the Village.

Staff agreed to bring back an updated program timeline and budget, program name options, and plaque language to a future meeting.

3. Rainy Day Artwork

Recommended Action:

Discuss and provide direction on development of a rainy day art project.

Kayla Nakamoto, Community Engagement Coordinator, provided an update on the project, including feasibility of several additional locations.

The Committee agreed to add the sidewalk near the entrance to the Joan Pisani Community Center as a location for the project.

The Committee selected the following poems for the Rainy Day artwork locations:

- Saratoga Library (near the entrance), Chinese Poem with English Translation: *Climbing White Stork Tower* by Wang Zhihuan
- Village Sidewalk, Big Basin Café: *The Rainy Day* by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, 1st stanza only
- Village Sidewalk, Wells Fargo: Poem to be selected
- Village Sidewalk, 4th Street & Big Basin, Opposite Wildwood Park: *The Sun and the Moon* by Elaine Daron
- Village Sidewalk, Sue's Café, Chinese Poem with English Translation: *Quiet Night Thoughts* by Li Bai
- Saratoga Elementary Sidewalk: *Hug O' War* by Shel Silverstein
- Joan Pisani Community Center (near the entrance): *If* by Rudyard Kipling, 2nd stanza lines 1 to 4 only

The Committee agreed to select a poem for the location in the Village near Wells Fargo at the next meeting. The Committee also asked staff to return with information on any copyright or legal concerns with use of the selected poems for the project.

4. Future Meetings

Recommended Action:

Discuss agenda topics and scheduling of future meetings.

The Committee agreed to meet again on October 1, 2019 at 3:30 p.m. and to discuss the following topics:

- Bronze Acorn Sculpture Program
- Rainy Day Artwork Project
- Paint the City: Utility Box Painting Project
- Public Art Volunteer Projects

ADJOURNMENT

The Public Art Committee meeting was adjourned at 4:52 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

Crystal Bothelio, Assistant City Manager
City of Saratoga