

CITY OF SUNNYVALE

DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES  
COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION  
ARTS UNIT

June 19, 2013

**TO:** Arts Commission  
**FROM:** Kristin Dance, Visual Arts Coordinator  
**THROUGH:** Dan Wax, Superintendent of Community Services  
**SUBJECT:** 1020 Kifer Road / Intuitive Surgical

**Introduction**

Under the City's Art in Private Development Ordinance, the new Intuitive Surgical training campus at 1020 Kifer Road is required to provide public art. The procedure established for reviewing the artwork is as follows:

- 1) Review the artist's background to ensure he/she has the experience and knowledge to design, fabricate and install large-scale artwork.
- 2) Review the artwork itself to determine whether or not the nature and style of the artwork is appropriate to the architecture and site.
- 3) Determine whether or not the proposed artwork is appropriate in scale for the overall development.
- 4) Review the location of the artwork for visibility to the public.

The purpose of this memo is to provide information about the proposed artwork and to solicit Arts Commission approval of the final design. Under the Art in Private Development Ordinance, the Arts Commission is authorized to make a final determination of the proposed artwork. The Commission's decision may be appealed by the developer to the City Council.

**Discussion**

**Project Description:** This project is located at 1020 Kifer Road between Lawrence Expressway and South Wolfe Road (Attachment A – Street Map). The developer, Intuitive Surgical, is constructing a new, three-story training facility nearby their existing headquarters at 1266 Kifer Road. The site is bordered on the South by the Cal Train tracks and by industrial uses to the east, west and north. The site is situated along a heavily trafficked thoroughfare, Kifer Road, and is expected to draw a high volume of business visitors, since

medical personnel from around the world will be coming to the site to train on Intuitive Surgical products.

**Artwork Location:** The proposed location for the artwork is in a landscaped turnaround in the building's parking lot (Attachment B – Site Map). The selected area is a 60' wide by 12' deep oval shaped area situated in front of the building's main entrance and adjacent to the visitor parking and drop off area. The turnaround is approximately 60 feet from Kifer Road, but it is clearly visible from both vehicular entrances along Kifer Road. Additionally, as part of the LEED certification for the project, the site has a slight slope to it and therefore the sculpture location will be elevated 3' higher than the public sidewalk. Staff is confident that the proposed sculptures will be visible and accessible to the public (Attachment C – Elevation Rendering with Artwork).

**Selected Artist:** The selected artist for this project is Troy Pillow (Attachment D – Artist's Resume). Mr. Pillow is a resident of Seattle, Washington, and has been actively sculpting and exhibiting for over ten years. His work has been commissioned nationally, including local sculpture commissions by El Camino Hospital in Mountain View, Alvarado Place in Union City and Sutter Health in Fairfield. Mr. Pillow also recently installed three sculptures in Sunnyvale: two sculptures in 2010 for Intuitive Surgical's project at 1250 Kifer Road (Attachment E – Photographs of Existing Intuitive Surgical Artwork) and a water sculpture in 2011 for the Via development at the corner of Tasman Drive and Fair Oaks Drive (Attachment F – Photographs of the Via Project Artwork).

**Artwork Proposal:** The proposed artwork for the new Intuitive Surgical campus consists of an installation of nine large-scale sculptures (Attachment G – Artist's Rendering of Sculptures). These polished stainless steel sculptures will vary in height from 7' – 12'. Each sculpture will be strategically staggered within the oval turnaround, so that as the viewer's position changes, the sculpture will passively move and change.

These nine sculptures are reminiscent of a cubist style, with distinct geometrical shapes coming together to form an abstracted figure. The artist intends the nine sculptures to represent individuals coming together for a single cause. The new sculptures will be similar in style to the existing sculptures residing at Intuitive Surgical's nearby headquarters (Attachment E – Photographs of Existing Intuitive Surgical Artwork).

**Lighting:** Intuitive Surgical is proposing to up-light the sculptures with 1-2 ground-level fixtures per sculpture.

**Maintenance:** There will be no required maintenance on the proposed artwork other than rinsing with water and waxing as necessary.

**Corporate Logo:** Staff has determined that the artwork bears no resemblance to Intuitive Surgical's corporate logo.

### **Staff Recommendation**

Staff has reviewed the proposed artwork and believes that it adequately meets the criteria outlined in the Art in Private Development regulation and therefore recommends that the Arts

Commission approve the artwork as it is proposed.

**Commission Action**

The Commission is being asked to take action on the proposed artwork. The Commission may vote to:

1. Approve the proposed artwork as it is proposed.
2. Not approve the proposed artwork.

c: Lisa G. Rosenblum, Director of Library and Community Services

Attachment A: Street Map

Attachment B: Site Map

Attachment C: Elevation Rendering with Artwork

Attachment D: Artist's Resume

Attachment E: Photographs of Existing Intuitive Surgical Artwork

Attachment F: Photographs of the Via Project Artwork

Attachment G: Artist's Rendering of Sculptures

# ATTACHMENT A

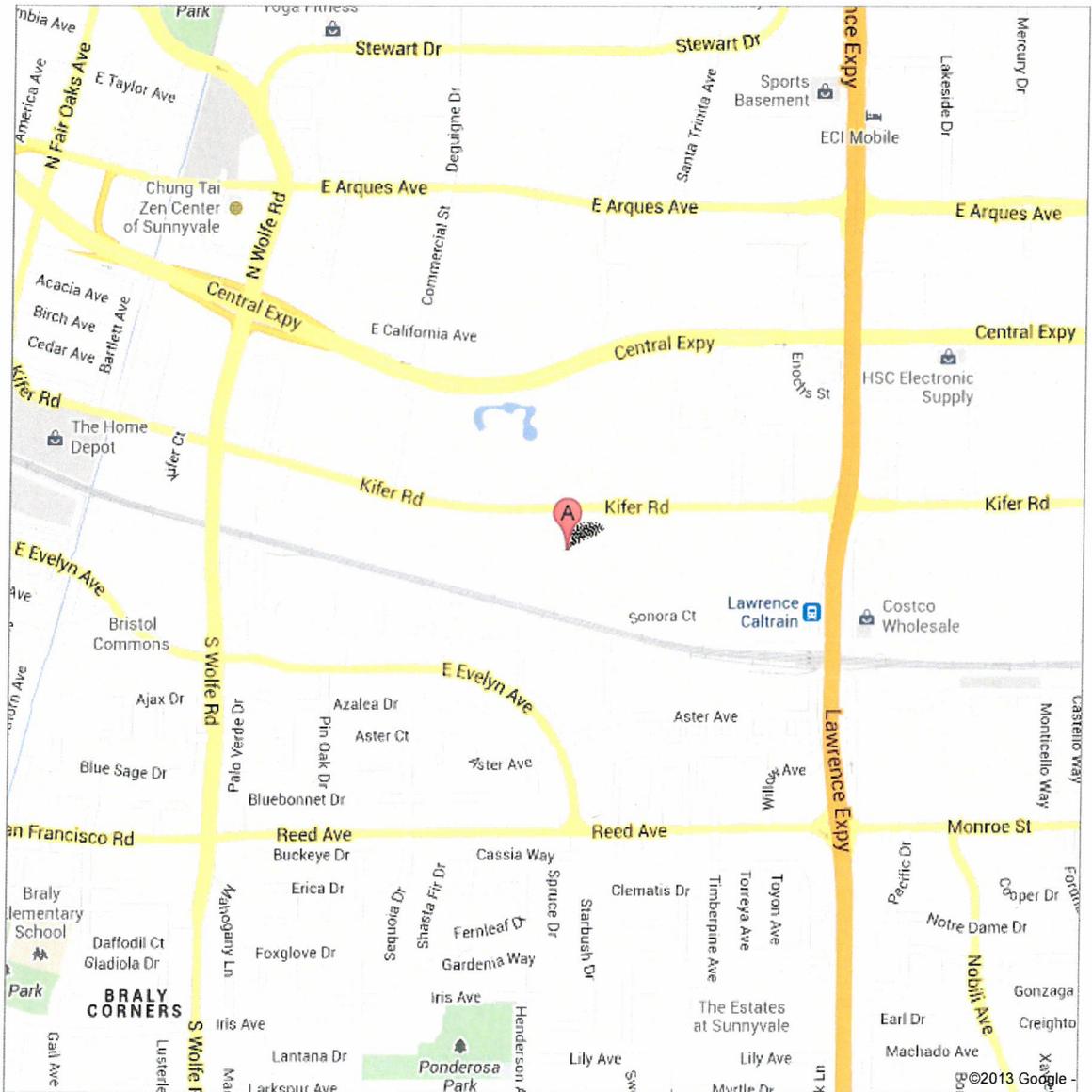


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Sunnyvale, CA 94086

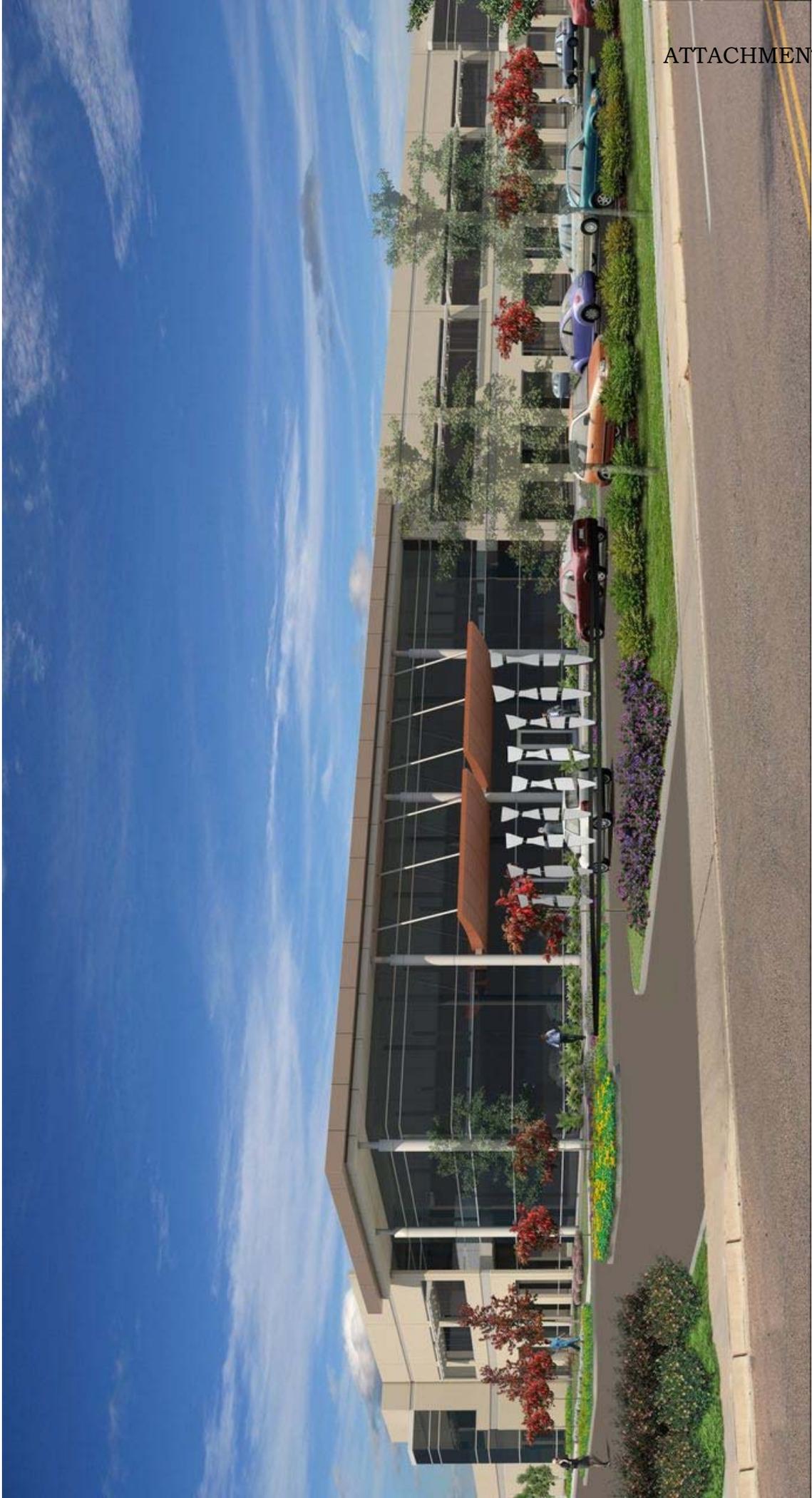
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Commissions

2013 Fremont Lake Union Center, Seattle, WA  
2012 AVA Ballard, Seattle, WA  
2012 Towbin Motorcars, Las Vegas NV  
2012 Prescott Apartments, Seattle, WA  
2011 Swedish Hospital, Issaquah, WA  
2011 AvalonBay Communities, Seattle, WA  
2011 Essex Property Trust, , Sunnyvale, CA  
2011 King County Libraries, Richmond Beach  
2010 Intuitive Surgical, Sunnyvale, CA  
2010 King County Libraries, Burien, WA  
2010 Art in Public Places, Bend, OR  
2010 Aspira, Seattle, WA  
2010 AvalonBay Communities, Bellevue, WA  
2009 BRE Properties, Bellevue, WA  
2009 El Camino Hospital, Mountainview, CA  
2009 Trammel Crow Residential, Redmond, WA  
2008 Art in Public Places, Bend, OR  
2008 Wallace Properties, Seattle, WA  
2007 Salt Lake City, Nine muses project, UT  
2006 St. Josephs Hospital, Phoenix, Arizona  
2006 Alvarado Place, Union City, CA  
2006 Trammel Crow Residential, Kirkland, WA  
Boulevard  
State Street  
2004 Sutter Health Hospital, Fairfield, CA  
2004 Phillip S. Miller Library, Castle Rock, CO  
2003 City of Lakewood, Lakewood, CO  
2003 Lakewood Heritage Center, Lakewood CO  
2003 Pinnacol Assurance, Denver, CO  
2002 Metropolitan Homes, Denver, CO  
Avalon Development  
Hidden Valley Development  
Moon Shadow Development  
2002 Denver Art Company, Littleton, CO  
Waterpark Building, Lobby A

Waterpark Building, Lobby B  
2002 City of Lakewood, Lakewood, CO  
Link Recreation Center

#### Temporary Installations

2009 Downtown sculpture Exhibit, Everett, WA  
2008 Atlanta Botanical Garden, Sculpture in motion, Atlanta, GA  
2007 Maryhill Museum of Art, Sculpture Invitational, WA  
2006 Bellevue Sculpture Exhibition, Bellevue, WA

#### Gallery Representation

A New Leaf Gallery, Sonoma, CA  
Anderson Galleries, Locust Valley, NY  
Donna Seager Gallery, Mill Valley, CA  
Iwolk Gallery, St. Helena, CA  
Shidoni Gallery, Tesuque, NM  
Brett Wesley Gallery, Las Vegas, NV

#### Press

2005 HGTV, September  
2003 Architecture and Design of the West, Spring The Denver Post, July Art Revue,  
August  
2001 Colorado Homes and Lifestyle Magazine, October  
2000 The Denver Post, September

Intuitive Surgical, 1250 Kifer Road

Artwork by Troy Pillow



“Elevate,” 2011, stainless steel with acrylic



“Connection,” 2011, stainless steel with acrylic

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615 Tasman Drive  
Essex Property Trust  
"Flow." 2011  
Troy Pillow  
Patinated Steel with Stacked Glass  
\$69,920.00  
1.1% of Art Requirement

