



**APPROVED MINUTES\***  
**SUNNYVALE ARTS COMMISSION**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**MAY 3, 2011**

The Sunnyvale Arts Commission met in special session in City Hall Council Chambers at 456 W. Olive Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94086 at 7 p.m. with Chair Obrey presiding.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Obrey called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

Chair Obrey led the salute to the flag.

**ROLL CALL**

**Commissioners Present:** Chair Robert Obrey  
Vice Chair Noelle Hughes  
Commissioner Tara Martin-Milius  
Commissioner Tracy Seto

**Commissioners Absent:** Commissioner Vinita Karun

**Staff Present:** Assistant to the Director, Cathy Merrill  
Superintendent of Recreation/Community Services Nancy Bolgard Steward  
Visual Arts Coordinator Kristin Dance

Ms. Kita Greenberg, Bay Area Communication Access (BACA), provided interpretive services for Arts Commissioner Seto.

Commissioner Karun was absent. "Absences from special meetings shall be recorded but shall not be classified as excused or unexcused," according to Council Policy 7.2.19. No action was required by the Commission.

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1.A. MOTION Approval of Draft Minutes of March 16, 2011, Arts Commission Meeting
- 1.B. MOTION Approval of Draft Minutes of April 13, 2011, Special Joint Arts Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission Meeting

**MOTION: Vice Chair Hughes moved and Commissioner Martin-Milius seconded to approve the Consent Calendar as presented.**

**VOTE: 4-0 motion passed. Commissioner Karun was absent.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

2. MOTION Art in Private Development (AIPD): BRE Properties, 1287 Lawrence Station Rd.

Visual Arts Coordinator Kristin Dance presented a brief overview of the final proposed public art project to be located at 1287 Lawrence Station Rd. She said the staff recommendation is that the Arts Commission approve the artwork as it is proposed because it meets the criteria outlined in the Art in Private Development regulation.

Vice Chair Hughes said she understood that BRE Properties presented their public art idea to the Commission and obtained feedback at the March 16, 2011, Commission meeting. She noted her absence from that meeting and asked if staff felt Commissioners' questions were appropriately addressed. Superintendent Steward responded yes and introduced Mr. Kevin Ma, owner and developer of the Lawrence Station project.

Mr. Ma said Attachment A of the report to Commission had an error—Hwy 101 should be labeled Hwy 237. He described the site plan showing retail and residential amenities in the project and the area near Elko Drive where residents would gather at coffee shops and neighborhood restaurants. He stated that BRE Properties recently completed the Villa Granada project at Lawrence and El Camino in Santa Clara.

Ms. Chandra Cerrito, BRE Properties, apologized that the projector she planned to use for her presentation was missing a cord so she would not be able to present the powerpoint as planned.

Ms. Cerrito explained the reasons why Mr. Lewis deSoto is the selected artist for the project. She referenced Mr. deSoto's resume and examples of his work. Ms. Cerrito described the proposed project and explained the visual and historical references displayed in the artwork. She said that the artist consulted with the Sunnyvale Historical Society and Museum Association. Ms. Cerrito shared sample materials with the Commissioners.

Commissioners asked questions about the timing and phasing of the project work with the artwork and working with the City to mitigate traffic concerns.

There was no further discussion.

The Public Hearing was opened. There were no speakers. The Public Hearing was closed.

**MOTION: Vice Chair Hughes moved and Commissioner Martin-Milius seconded to approve the proposed artwork as it is proposed.**

**VOTE: 4-0 motion passed. Commissioner Karun was absent.**

Commissioner Martin-Milius commented that she is excited to have the project approved and move forward. Chair Obrey expressed his enthusiasm for the project.

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

COMMISSION MEMBERS ORAL COMMENTS

Chair Obrey clarified that the upcoming May 25, 2011, special joint meeting with the Arts Commission and Parks and Recreation Commission will be held at the Community Center in the Neighborhood Room.

STAFF ORAL COMMENTS

Assistant to the Director Merrill explained she will no longer be staff liaison to the Commission effective June 30, 2011, due to reorganization of the department; her temporary new work assignment will be with the Department of Public Works.

Superintendent Steward announced changes relating to the Arts Commission. Superintendent Steward will be the new staff liaison to the Commission and Diane Moglen, Recreation Supervisor, will be back-up staff liaison.

**INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Obrey adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Cathy E. Merrill, Assistant to the Director  
Department of Public Works

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