



## DRAFT MINUTES

### SUNNYVALE ARTS COMMISSION NOVEMBER 21, 2012

The Sunnyvale Arts Commission met in regular session in the Community Center Neighborhood Room at 550 E. Remington Drive, Sunnyvale, CA 94087 at 7 p.m. with Chair Park presiding.

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Commissioners Present:**

Chair Misuk Park  
Vice Chair Tracy Seto  
Commissioner Vinita Karun  
Commissioner Robert Sumner

##### **Commissioners Absent:**

Commissioner Shawnte Santos (excused absence)

##### **Council Liaison:**

Councilmember Tara Martin-Milius (present)

##### **Staff Present:**

Superintendent of Community Services Nancy Bolgard Steward  
Visual Arts Coordinator Kristin Dance  
Performing Arts Coordinator Tegan McLane  
Administrative Aide Karen Smith

##### **Others:**

ASL Interpreter Lisa Washington, Bay Area Communication Access (BACA)  
ASL Interpreter Houston Davenport, Bay Area Communication Access (BACA)

Ms. Lisa Washington and Mr. Houston Davenport provided interpretive services for Vice Chair Seto.

**MOTION: Commissioner Sumner moved and Commissioner Karun seconded to excuse Commissioner Seto's absence from the October 17, 2012, meeting due to prior notification and personal leave.**

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

**MOTION: Commissioner Karun moved and Commissioner Seto seconded to excuse Commissioner Santos' absence from the November 21, 2012, meeting due to prior notification and personal leave.**

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

**PRESENTATION** – If You Bring Your Child to the Community Center. . .

The video presentation was canceled due to technical difficulties. The video can be accessed through the Library web page at <http://sunnyvale.ca.gov/Departments/SunnyvalePublicLibrary.aspx>

**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS** – None

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

1.A. MOTION Approval of Draft Minutes of October 17, 2012

**MOTION: Commissioner Sumner moved and Commissioner Karun seconded to approve Consent Calendar Item 1.A. as presented.**

**VOTE: 3-0 motion passed. Commissioner Santos was absent. Vice Chair Seto dissented because she was absent from the October 17, 2012, meeting.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

2. Art in Private Development: Oakmead Tower/384 Santa Trinita Avenue

Visual Arts Coordinator Dance provided the staff report.

The public hearing was opened.

Mr. Drew Thomas, representative of the developer Devcon Construction, reviewed the detail of the artwork location, site plan with preliminary landscape design, building rendering, artwork proposal and preliminary lighting plan.

Ms. Chandra Cerrito, art consultant, explained the criteria for the selection of the artist, introduced the selected artist, reviewed his resume, and cited examples of his exhibitions and public work.

Mr. Roger Berry, artist, showed examples of his past work, presented a close approximation sample of the proposed sculpture, a computer rendering of the sculpture in its proposed corner location, and explained how the sculpture would present a different profile from every vantage point to create movement and change. He also described sculpture size, dimension and stainless steel material.

The public hearing was closed.

Commissioners' questions were answered regarding the preliminary lighting plan, safety requirements, graffiti removal, maintenance and surface durability.

**MOTION: Commissioner Karun moved and Commissioner Sumner seconded to recommend approval of the proposed artwork as it was presented.**

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

Commissioner Karun stated that the safety concern was addressed to her satisfaction.

Commissioner Sumner was impressed with the “rotating” sculpture and how the sculpture would present a different profile from every view to create movement and change.

Vice Chair Seto was impressed with the artist’s past work and liked the sculpture concept. She said the proposed sculpture is very organic, and it will be an honor to show Mr. Berry’s work in Sunnyvale.

Chair Park said the proposed sculpture meets all the criteria of the AIPD Ordinance. The artist is experienced and addressed safety as well as visual quality. She said the building tenants would appreciate the technology behind the artwork. She especially likes the motion as one drives or walks by; the sculpture seems almost alive because it changes and continues through time. She is impressed with the artwork and scale.

3. Art in Private Development: Net App Campus/1275-1395 Crossman Street (Building 9)

Visual Arts Coordinator Dance provided the staff report and said this is the third phase of the project. She clarified that the Engineering Division reviews every public art project when the permit is issued.

The public hearing was opened.

Ms. Elizabeth Arslaner, Senior Director, West Coast Division, Net App Campus, said Carole Feuerman, artist, is a world renowned sculptor who has developed her own method of sculpting called “painting with fire.” She said the artist took into account the Net App core values—simplicity, integrity, teamwork, balance, and performing the impossible—when designing the large scale sculpture entitled Double-Diver.” She discussed the artwork location, maintenance, casting process and textured surface.

The public hearing was closed.

Commissioners’ questions were answered regarding the sculpture’s center of gravity, stability, how the sculpture is attached to the platform, sand mold and hollow interior, textured and clear coat finishes, graffiti removal, coloration and color integrity, maintenance, and dimensions.

**MOTION: Vice Chair Seto moved and Commissioner Sumner seconded to recommend approval of the proposed artwork as it was presented.**

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

Vice Chair Seto said the composition and manner in which the sculpture is situated and connected fits well with Net App. It appears to be an impressionistic finish with molten metal, and she likes it very much.

Commissioner Sumner said the proposed location near the street is very appropriate. The sculpture is beautiful and has integrity.

Commissioner Karun stated she likes the sculpture. Her concern about the sculpture’s center of gravity and stability was addressed by staff comments that the Engineering Division reviews plans for public art installations prior to issuing building permits.

Chair Park said the proposed sculpture meets all the criteria of the AIPD Ordinance. Chair Park is impressed with the renowned level of both the artist and her artwork and is confident that the sculpture has gone through due diligence regarding its stability. She is impressed with how well the sculpture fits with Net App's core values; it reflects the level of discipline of the Net App employees. Chair Park said it is interesting how the finish will interact with the lighting and the environment. It has a sense of movement because of the way the figures are integrated. The artwork will be visible to the public and popular with the neighbors.

4. Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials

Superintendent Steward said this was an opportunity for the Commissioners to read and review the Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials. There was no discussion.

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

COMMISSION MEMBERS Oral Comments – None

STAFF Oral Comments

Superintendent Steward commented on the following items:

- Announced the upcoming Holiday Pottery Sale on December 7-8, 2012, by Friends of the Sunnyvale Pottery Studio and encouraged the Commissioners to support the Sunnyvale Pottery Studio and community pottery programs.
- Provided an update on the damaged public artwork by artist Nancy Mooslin. Staff is working with the property owner to replace the artwork.
- Gallery Exhibition Program. Staff is preparing a work plan to look at the mission of the gallery—past and future, past gallery model, other agencies' exhibit programs, and best practices. The gallery reopening would be completely based on community support and funding. Staff research and development will tentatively go through early April.
- Master Plan for Public Art. Staff continues to research other agencies' public art master plans and how they handle long-term public art.

**INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS** - None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Park adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Reviewed by:

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Recording Secretary  
Community Services Division  
Library and Community Services Department

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Superintendent of Community Services  
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