



## APPROVED MINUTES

### SUNNYVALE ARTS COMMISSION April 17, 2013

The Arts Commission met in regular session in the Neighborhood Room of the Recreation Center, 550 E. Remington Dr. with Chair Park presiding.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

#### **ROLL CALL**

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

Chair Misuk Park  
Commissioner Shawnte Santos  
Commissioner Robert Sumner  
Commissioner Vinita Karun (arrived 7:05 PM)

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

Vice Chair Tracy Seto (Excused)

**Council Liaison:** Council Liaison Jim Davis (Present)

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

Lisa Rosenblum, Director of Library and Community Services  
Daniel Wax, Superintendent of Community Services  
Kristin Dance, Visual Arts Coordinator  
Anna Lewis, Administrative Aide

##### **Others Present**

Carol Dabb, Art Consultant  
Huiwen Hsiao, Project Architect, Hoover Associates  
Steven Runchey, Project Manager, Vance Brown, Inc.

<b>Commissioner Santos moved and Commissioner Sumner seconded to approve Commissioner Seto's absence as excused. Motion carried (3-0)</b>
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**PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS** - None

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

Commissioner Karun arrived (7:05 PM)

<b>Commissioner Sumner moved and Commissioner Santos seconded to approve Consent Calendar 1A as presented. Motion carried (4-0)</b>
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1.A. Approval of Draft Minutes of March 20, 2013.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - None

**PUBLIC HEARINGS/GENERAL BUSINESS**

2. Art in Private Development, 580 N. Mary Avenue / Peery-Arrillaga  
Staff recommended approval of the project.

Ms Carol Dabb discussed the artwork, explaining the materials to be used and the inspiration of the piece, "*Technically West*". The piece points west and alludes to the technical achievements in Silicon Valley that are building on each other and reaching greater heights each time. She answered Commissioners questions regarding the location, height, graffiti removal, lighting and the art plaque.

Mr. Steven Runchey is the Contractor on the project. He explained the construction of the artwork is simple and will go through a standard approval process.

Public Hearing – opened

Architect Huiwen Hsiao expressed his appreciation for the art piece "*Technically West*". He stated that it will be set against a monochrome colored building and the reflection against the building will cause the colors to stand out and cascade down the building.

Public Hearing – closed

**Commissioner Sumner moved and Commissioner Santos seconded to approve the art work as proposed. Motion carried (4-0).**

Each Commissioner stated his or her vote and the reason for it.

Commissioner Karun voted to approve the art work, she likes the piece, it meets the requirements and she likes the functionality.

Commissioner Santos voted to approve the art work, she likes the COR-TEN steel, the idea of the steel getting rough and rusty and the juxtaposition against the shiny reflective building.

Chair Park voted to approve the art work "*Technically West*", she likes that it is symbolic of the history of Silicon Valley. It is facing west which represents the future and moves forward with each layer of Silicon Valley's history. It is similar to software companies which develop progressive versions of software, the art is curving forward and reflects the motion of progress, and the art meets the AIPD requirements.

Commissioner Sumner voted to approve the art work. He likes the artist's work and "*Technically West*" specifically. It meets the durability requirement, with added artistic value and appropriateness to the environment. COR-TEN steel will last a long time, he feels this piece will improve with age and wear and it speaks to the western resilience.

**NON-AGENDA ITEMS AND COMMENTS**

**COMMISSIONER ORAL COMMENTS**

Commissioner Sumner asked if any artwork created during Hands on the Arts will be displayed publicly after the event. Director Rosenblum explained that the event is for the children, they are proud of their artistic creations and they want to take them home for display. There are no plans to display the art publicly after the event.

Commissioner Santos inquired about outreach methods the City used to publicize the Seven Seas RFP to Northern California Artists. Coordinator Dance explained her use of message boards, direct contact with others in the Public Art Administrator Network and an internal City of Sunnyvale Mailing List. Those who are interested in being on the mailing list may contact Ms Dance. ([kdance@sunnyvale.ca.gov](mailto:kdance@sunnyvale.ca.gov))

#### **STAFF ORAL COMMENTS**

The Commissioners welcomed Daniel Wax, Superintendent of Community Services. Director Rosenblum provided information about the recruitment. Superintendent Wax described his background in recreation management and his personal connection to art.

Director Rosenblum informed the Commissioners that the Planning Department projections show an increase in developments during the coming year, resulting in art projects that will require review and approval from the Arts Commission.

Director Rosenblum reminded the Commission that the Council agenda of April 23, 2013 includes Review and Selection of the Seven Seas Park Public Art Project. Chair Park is prepared to speak on behalf of the Commission.

#### **INFORMATION ONLY ITEMS**

Hands on the Arts will take place on May 18, 2013, from 10 AM - 4 PM at the Community Center.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa G. Rosenblum  
Director of Library and Community Services