



**Art in Public Places Committee
Meeting Minutes - Draft**

Monday, January 10, 2022

3:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Kiefer called the meeting to order at 3:30PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Present 4 - Chair Kristin Kiefer, Vice Chair Melanie Jones-Carter, Committee Member Nathan Azhderian, and Committee Member Anne Baumgartner

Absent 2 - Committee Member Jeff Nathanson, and Committee Member Lisa Puentes

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Comment:

- David Harris spoke about raising awareness of the climate crisis via public art. Suggested the promotion of SMART at the Route 101 over crossing project with an art project
- Jack Swearingen, Chair of Friends of SMART, spoke about raising awareness of SMART rail as an alternative to driving through the use of art.
- Thomas spoke in support of an art project being done at the Route 101 crossing promoting SMART.

4. SCHEDULED ITEMS

- 4.1** Unum Sculpture Recommended Words and Languages
Staff will present the recommended words and languages for the sculpture Unum by Blessing Hancock approved for installation in Old Courthouse Square. The presentation will include the project background and collaborative process used to collect the submissions from the community.

Recommended Action: Approve recommended words and languages for the Unum sculpture

Public Comment:

- David Harris shared his thoughts regarding the Unum project in general.

- Thomas spoke in favor of adding both Hindi and Russian to currently planned for this project.
- Paula Simon spoke about how the list of languages was created and whether it is truly inclusive.
- Ann Sheppard suggested that the decision regarding the languages used be postponed to the next meeting of the Committee so that those requested via public comment can be given further consideration.

A motion was made by Vice Chair Jones-Carter, seconded by Committee Member Azhderian, that this Art in Public Places Committee agenda item be approved. The motion was stated approved during the meeting based on a majority of members present. Upon review of the Committee charter, after the meeting, it was determined that the motion failed as four affirmative votes, a Committee majority, are required for passage. The motion failed by the following vote:

Yes: 3 - Chair Kiefer, Vice Chair Jones-Carter and Committee Member Azhderian

No: 1 - Committee Member Baumgartner

Absent: 2 - Committee Member Nathanson and Committee Member Puentes

5. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Kiefer adjourned the meeting at 4:55PM. The next regular scheduled meeting of the Art in Public Places Committee is February 7, 2022.

Approved on:

**Eileen Cleary
Recording Secretary**