



# City of Santa Rosa

637 First Street  
First Floor, Large Conference  
Room  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

## Art in Public Places Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

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Monday, April 7, 2025

3:30 PM

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Nathanson called the meeting to order at 3:33 pm.

### 2. ROLL CALL

Committee Member Azhderian joined the meeting at 3:38 pm.

**Present** 5 - Committee Member Nathan Azhderian, Committee Member Deble Faulkner, Committee Member Kristin Kiefer, Committee Member Jeff Nathanson, and Committee Member Lisa Puentes

**Absent** 1 - Committee Member Nancy Trejo Vazquez

### 3. REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER AB 2449 (IF NEEDED)

None.

### 4. MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA

Recording Secretary Jack Reynolds announced that item 5.1 would be moved to a date certain of May 5, 2025.

### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 Draft Minutes - February 3, 2025.

This item was moved to a date certain of May 5, 2025.

### 6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Nathanson opened public comment at 3:35 pm.

Azira Fengasso introduced himself to the Committee.

Chair Nathanson welcomed Mr. Fengasso.

### 7. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Arts and Culture Coordinator Meredith Knudsen welcomed the new Chair, Jeff Nathanson, and the new Committee Member, Nancy Trejo Vazquez.

## 8. VICE CHAIR ELECTION

### 8.1 Vice-Chair Election

**A Motion was made by Committee Member Puentes, seconded by Committee Member Faulker, to reappoint Vice-Chair Kiefer**

**Yes:** 4 - Committee Member Faulkner, Committee Member Kiefer, Committee Member Nathanson and Committee Member Puentes

**Absent:** 2 - Committee Member Azhderian and Committee Member Trejo Vazquez

## 9. SCHEDULED ITEMS

### 9.1 Request for Volunteers

Staff will present an overview of assistance needed for art mapping project and arts roundtable.

Recommended Action: Select 1 -2 volunteers for each project to assist with implementation.

Staff Knudsen reported.

Staff Knudsen responded to Committee Member inquiries.

Committee Members provided comments and feedback.

### 9.2 Asawa Panels

Staff will present an overview of art panels, new cost estimate, and project timeline.

Recommended Action: Approve \$75000 to Artworks Foundry from Public Art Fund.

Staff Knudsen reported.

Staff Knudsen responded to Board Member inquiries.

**A motion was made by Committee Member Faulkner, seconded by Committee Member Kiefer, to approve \$75,000 to Artworks Foundry from the Public Art fund.**

**Yes:** 5 - Committee Member Azhderian, Committee Member Faulkner, Committee Member Kiefer, Committee Member Nathanson and Committee Member Puentes

**Absent:** 1 - Committee Member Trejo Vazquez

- 9.3** Arts and Culture Program Update  
Staff will present an Arts and Culture Program Update.

Recommended Action: Information Only.

Staff Knudsen reported.

Staff Knudsen responded to Committee Member inquiries.

## **10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Committee Member Kiefer reported on the upcoming Bike-in Block Party on May 10.

Chair Nathanson gave an update on an exhibition he is curating at the Richmond Art Center of artist John Wehrle's work through June 7.

Chair Nathanson reported on an upcoming exhibition at Paradise Ridge Winery that he is curating of the work of Walter Bycke and Marijke Byck-Hoenselaar beginning June 15.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Nathanson adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m.