



# City of Santa Rosa

Finley Center  
2060 W. College Ave.  
Santa Rosa, CA 95401

## Art in Public Places Committee Regular Meeting Minutes

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Monday, March 5, 2018

3:30 PM

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bonos at 3:34pm.

### 2. ROLL CALL

Committee Member Kristin Kiefer was present.

**Present:** 6 - Chair Nina Bonos, Vice Chair Lisa Puentes, Committee Member Katherine Anderson, Committee Member Monica Bryant, Committee Member Zack Darling and Committee Member Hillary Younglove

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

#### 4.1 February 13, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the February 13, 2018 special meeting were approved as submitted.

### 5. SCHEDULED ITEMS

#### 5.1 PROCEDURES FOR EVALUATING AND ACCEPTING GIFTS OF ARTWORK IN RESPONSE TO THE FIRES

Staff will present background on how gifts of art to the public art program are currently addressed in the Public Art Policy, and seek input on criteria for evaluating gifts specifically related to the fires and other related procedures.

Recommended Action: Discussion

Staff provided an overview of how gifts and loans of art to the public art collection are addressed in the Public Art Policy and what criteria is used to support the evaluation of such pieces. Several artists have offered to donate fire-related art

pieces as a means of healing in the fires' aftermath. Questions were raised about how many pieces the City would accept, what sites were being considered, whether each piece was a good fit for the location, what maintenance costs and storage requirements might be, and whether donated pieces could be auctioned with proceeds benefitting fire victims or going to an artist of our choice to commission a new piece of art. Staff will draft a procedure for evaluating gifts specifically related to the fires for consideration at a future meeting.

## 5.2 COFFEY PARK PROJECT

The Committee and staff will begin outlining a public process to solicit and secure an artist to create a unique art piece and work in conjunction with a design consultant on the re-design of Coffey Park.

### Recommended Action: Discussion

Interim Director Jason Nutt explained that the City in the process of determining how to re-build the damaged City amenities, such as Coffey Park. The Parks Foundation has stepped up to collaborate with individuals who wish to donate funds to this effort. Incorporating public art into the rebuilding of Coffey Park has been identified as a priority. The City will work with APPC to solicit an artist in advance of hiring a park designer/planner. The artist will design a unique commemorative piece after receiving community input.

Deputy Director Jen Santos added that most of Coffey Park will need to be re-worked/re-built since it suffered extensive fire damage. A community process will be initiated to gather input from the residents who use this park most, as they have the most influence, since this is a Neighborhood Park and not a Community Park. Santos, Interim Director Nutt and staff will meet with neighborhood block captains, and the Coffey Strong organization to seek input.

Interim Director Nutt and staff explained the process from the development of a project plan and drafting an RFQ, to approving the artist based on recommendation from the selection panel and entering into a contract.

Discussion ensued regarding funding. Interim Director Nutt will clarify budget and report back to the committee.

### 5.3 PROJECTS UPDATE

Staff will provide updates on various projects in progress.

#### Recommended Action: Information

Meter Made: Planned for parking lot on 5th Street. After several delays, the piece is being powder coated and the cement base should be ready in two weeks.

Zag Repair & Relocation: The City is still in contract negotiations with artist. Work should continue as soon as negotiations are concluded.

Depot Park: Contract with artist has been finalized. First component in scope of work is final design phase. Based on input from selection process and this committee's discussion, artist will submit revised drawing for new location, since palm tree will not be removed as originally planned. The community groups who have already participated in the design input will be included as well.

Conservation & Maintenance Program: SF Arts Conservation has been selected to perform conservation of City's art collection. The first round of repairs was completed two weeks ago at Luther Burbank Home & Gardens and City Hall Complex. Other works are scheduled next week at Cancer Survivors' plaza, and First Street across from City Hall.

## 6. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

### 6.1 Events attended

Younglove: Curating shows at Sonoma Academy - featuring Sandy Frank, Ellen Litwiller

Darling: East Berlin - public art sculptures, graffiti as cultural creative expression

Bryant: National Arts Program judge at Finley Community Center

Kiefer: New Orleans street art, store fronts changed to art spaces

Bonos: First Friday- Chroma Gallery (aka SR Arts Center) 'Healing by Art: After the Fires', Exhibit at Corrick's: 5 print artists, Tour of parks on Rosie the trolley

**6.2** Upcoming events

None

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Bonos adjourned the meeting at 5:10pm. The next regular meeting is scheduled for April 2, 2018, at 3:30pm.

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