



City of Santa Rosa

Art in Public Places Committee Meeting Minutes - Draft

Monday, September 9, 2024

3:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Baumgartner called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m.

2. REMOTE PARTICIPATION UNDER AB 2449 (IF NEEDED)

None.

3. ROLL CALL

Committee Member Azhderian joined the meeting at 3:49 p.m.

Present 6 - Chair Anne Baumgartner, 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 Paul Steward

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chair Baumgartner opened Public Comment at 3:34 p.m.

Duane DeWitt spoke regarding a letter he sent to the Press Democrat calling for the closure of some City Boards and Commissions.

Chair Baumgartner closed Public Comment at 3:37 p.m.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.1 August 5, 2024 - Draft Minutes.

Approved as submitted.

6. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Arts and Culture Coordinator Meredith Knudsen provided an update on item 7.3, informing the Committee that the item would most likely need to be moved to a date certain of October 7th, 2024. Chief Economic Development Officer Scott Adair introduced himself to the Committee.

Chair Baumgartner opened Public Comment at 3:42 p.m.

Duane DeWitt spoke regarding his desire to receive contact information from Chief Officer Adair.

Chair Baumgartner closed Public Comment at 3:43 p.m.

7. SCHEDULED ITEMS

7.1 Ruth Asawa Fountain

Hugh Futrell, Hugh Futrell Corporation, and staff will present a project update on the Ruth Asawa Fountian in Courthouse Square.

Recommended Action: Discussion.

Staff Knudsen and Hugh Futrell, Hugh Futrell Corporation, presented.

Staff Knudsen and Hugh Futrell responded to Committee Member inquiries.

Chair Baumgartner opened Public Comment at 4:05 p.m.

Duane DeWitt spoke regarding concerns of vandalism and upkeep.

Chair Baumgartner closed Public Comment at 4:07 p.m.

Committee Members provided comments and feedback.

7.2 Big Belly Trash Can Art

Staff will present an overview of the Big Belly Trash Can art project.

Recommended Action: Nominate two APPC members for the selection panel.

Staff Knudsen and Senior Environmental Specialist Nick Sudano presented.

Staff responded to Committee Member inquiries.

Chair Baumgartner opened Public Comment at 4:33 p.m.

Duane DeWitt suggested that applications for the project be limited to local children.

Chair Baumgartner closed Public Comment at 4:36 p.m.

Committee Members provided comments and feedback.

A motion was made by Vice-Chair Kiefer, seconded by Committee Member Nathanson, to nominate Vice-Chair Kiefer and Committee Member Puentes to the selection panel

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair Baumgartner, Committee Member Azhderian, Committee Member Faulkner, Committee Member Kiefer, Committee Member Nathanson and Committee Member Puentes

Absent: 1 - Committee Member Steward

7.3 Police Fence Mural

Staff will present a project overview for the Police Fence Mural

Recommended Action: Nominate two APPC members for the selection panel.

Chair Baumgartner opened Public Comment at 4:44 p.m.

Duane DeWitt spoke about concerns of graffiti regarding the project.

Chair Baumgartner closed Public Comment at 4:47 p.m.

A motion was made by Committee Member Nathanson, seconded by Committee Member Kiefer, to move item 7.3 to a date certain of October 7, 2024.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair Baumgartner, Committee Member Azhderian, Committee Member Faulkner, Committee Member Kiefer, Committee Member Nathanson and Committee Member Puentes

Absent: 1 - Committee Member Steward

7.4 Temporary Art Walk

Staff will present program update for Temporary Art Walk.

Recommended Action: Discussion Only.

Staff Knudsen presented.

Committee Members provided comments and feedback.

Staff Knudsen responded to Committee Member inquiries.

Chair Baumgartner opened and closed Public Comment at 5:20 p.m.

7.5 Public Art Toolkit

Staff will present draft Public Art Proposal Form.

Recommended Action: Approval of Public Art Proposal Form.

Chair Baumgartner opened and closed Public Comment at 5:23 p.m.

A motion was made by Committee Member Nathanson, seconded by Vice-Chair Kiefer, to move item 7.5 to a date uncertain.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Yes: 6 - Chair Baumgartner, Committee Member Azhderian, Committee Member Faulkner, Committee Member Kiefer, Committee Member Nathanson and Committee Member Puentes

Absent: 1 - Committee Member Steward

7.6 Finley Center Art Shows

Staff seeks APPC volunteers for assistance with next art hangings.

Recommended Action: Information Only.

Staff Knudsen reported on the need for volunteers.

Staff Knudsen responded to Committee Member inquiries.

Chair Baumgartner opened and closed Public Comment at 5:23 p.m.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Vice-Chair Kiefer expressed excitement regarding future agenda items.

Chair Baumgartner and Committee Member Nathanson spoke on a desire for mroe clarity regarding the Public Art budget.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Baumgartner adjourned the meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Approved on:
Jack Reynolds, Recording Secretary