

MINUTES
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MEETING
Thursday, November 20, 2018
Palo Alto City Hall
Community Meeting Room
7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Ben Miyaji, Hsinya Shen, Nia Taylor, Ian Klaus

Commissioners Absent: Jim Migdal, Loren Gordon, Amanda Ross

Staff Present: Elise DeMarzo, Public Art Program Director
Nadya Chuprina, Public Art Program Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER: Vice Chair Miyaji called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

AGENDA CHANGES, REQUESTS, DELETIONS – None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 18, 2018 PAC Meeting Minutes **Moved:** Nia Taylor; **Second:** Hsinya Shen. **All in favor.**

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Vice Chair Miyaji addressed the commissioners to announce the retirement of Rhyena Halpern, CSD Assistant Director. Vice Chair Miyaji thanked Halpern for her hard work to champion public art, her dedication to this community and public service.

STAFF COMMENTS: Staff announced the completion of conservation of two murals by artists Joey Piziali and Chris Johanson on California Avenue. Staff also reported on the annual CASP Winter Open Studios and Meet the Artists event held on November 10. Staff also reported on the Porchlight storytelling event that took place at the Palo Alto Art Center in conjunction with the Art of Parenthood exhibition. Staff also provided an ongoing status update for a 60-day trial of STQRY, an online platform that provides additional multimedia content for public artworks in Palo Alto.

NON-ACTION:

1. 4256 El Camino Real - Initial Review for art in private development project associated with the development of the Caterina Hotel in Palo Alto. Randy Popp of Randolph Popp, AIA and art consultant Danielle Wohl presented the development project to the Commissioners and spoke about the project timeline, key architectural and design elements, and the desired goals behind integration of the public artwork. Commissioners reviewed the presented project and made suggestions for appropriate themes and types of artwork. There was some discussion regarding accessibility by the public and ensuring that while the public may be able to access the artworks, they should feel welcome to access the artworks. Other discussions addressed interactive or

destination artwork that might have a large social media presence. The Commissioners discussed the consideration of welcoming, inviting and whimsical artwork evenly accessible to the hotel guests and community members. There was some discussion regarding the advantages of having a mix of regional and national artists.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None.

CALENDAR: Next PAC Regular Meeting – December 20, 2018 at 7 pm.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:57 PM by Vice Chair Miyaji.