

MINUTES
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MEETING
Thursday, July 18, 2019
Palo Alto City Hall
Community Meeting Room
7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: **Ben Miyaji, Nia Taylor, Loren Gordon, Ian Klaus, Jim Migdal** joined the meeting at 7:11 pm.

Commissioners Absent: **Hsinya Shen, Amanda Ross**

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

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Miyaji called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

AGENDA CHANGES, REQUESTS, DELETIONS – None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: June 20, 2019 PAC Meeting Minutes **Moved:** Commissioner Taylor;
Second: Commissioner Klaus. **All in favor.**

STAFF COMMENTS: Staff reported on a completed maintenance treatment for *After the Fire* by Bruce Johnson. Staff also updated the Commissioners on the collection on the synthetic turf material for a future temporary installation by artist Paz de la Calzada for King Plaza.

ACTION:

1. **Temporary Public Art** – Staff provided an overview of the construction project for the California Avenue parking garage and presented an opportunity to integrate a temporary public art project on the construction fence around the project area. Staff will initiate a selection process to engage up to four California-based artists to create original graphic designs to be transferred onto vinyl material and adhered onto the solid fence walls. Staff requested that the PAC approve funds in the amount of \$47,000 to commission four temporary artworks on a construction fence around the California Ave parking garage construction site. **Moved:** Commissioner Migdal moved to approve the funds. **Second:** Vice Chair Gordon. **All in Favor.**

NON-ACTION:

1. **Victor Arnautoff Frescoes Update** – Staff led a discussion about frescos by Victor Arnautoff at the George Washington High School and provided an update on the status of Palo Alto’s frescoes at the site of the future Palo Alto History Museum. Staff is collaborating with the PAHM staff to submit a grant application to secure funding for the protection of the frescoes during

reconstruction of the historic building as well as the subsequent comprehensive conservation of the artworks. Community member David Moss addressed the PAC to highlight the importance of the frescoes by Arnautoff and called on the commissioners to preserve the artworks for future generations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Staff encouraged the Commissioners to provide their availability for the upcoming PAC Retreat in September.

CALENDAR: Next PAC Regular Meeting – August 15, 2019 at 7 pm.

Joint PAC - Council meeting – September 9, 2019 at 5 pm.

PAC Annual Retreat – Date and location TBD.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:34 by Chair Miyaji.