



MINUTES
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
MEETING
Thursday, August 19, 2021
Virtual teleconference via Zoom
7:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: **Ben Miyaji, Loren Gordon, Nia Taylor, Lisa Waltuch, Hsinya Shen** joined the meeting at 7:06.

Staff Present: **Kristen O’Kane** CSD Director
Nadya Chuprina, Public Art Program Coordinator

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

AGENDA CHANGES, REQUESTS, DELETIONS – None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - PAC Meeting June 17, 2021 **Moved:** Commissioner Miyaji, **Second:** Vice Chair Gordon. **4 in Favor.** Commissioner Shen **abstained.** PAC Retreat August 13, 2021 **Moved:** Commissioner Shen, **Second:** Commissioner Miyaji. **All in Favor.**

STAFF COMMENTS - Staff updated the Commission on the recently installed and upcoming *ArtLift* Microgrant projects.

ACTION:

1. **Two-Year Work Plan** – Commissioners reviewed and discussed the draft of the PAC working priorities and made some edits. Commissioners moved to adopt the finalized two-year work plan. **Moved:** Commissioner Shen. **Second:** Commissioner Waltuch. **All in Favor.**
2. **Midtown poetry mural** – Staff provided background history for the project commission in 2003, previously completed repairs, and current condition of the Poetry Wall mural located at 2605 Middlefield Rd. Staff also shared some images depicting the current condition of the mural and wall. Based on the initial presentation staff seeks feedback from the Commission whether staff should proceed with the repair to the mural for an amount up to \$10,000, or for staff to return with a full report to initiate the deaccession process prior to commissioning a new mural at that site. Upon some discussion, the Commission expressed concerns about the condition of the wall and recommended that Staff investigate the condition of the site further to determine feasibility of any further repairs to the mural. Commissioners then recommended that staff prepare a comprehensive report that will further inform the Commission’s decision whether they should proceed with the deaccessioning process. The report should include a current condition

assessment of the artwork, site, and any public comments and input regarding the murals. preserving or de-accessioning the existing mural, and potentially commissioning another mural at that site. **Moved:** Commissioner Miyaji moved to direct staff to present the full report for the Poetry Wall mural. **Second:** Commissioner Shen. **All in Favor.**

NON-ACTION:

3. **Temporary Murals at the Public Safety Building** – Staff updated the Commission on the installation of temporary murals at the construction site of the new Public Safety Building at 250 Sherman Ave.

ANNOUNCEMENTS –None.

CALENDAR: Next PAC Regular Meeting – September 16, 2021 at 7 pm via Zoom.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:12 pm by Chair Taylor.