



MINUTES
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, March 17, 2021
Virtual teleconference via Zoom
6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: **Ben Miyaji, Loren Gordon, Nia Taylor, Ian Klaus, Hsinia Shen** joined the meeting at 6:10 pm

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

CALL TO ORDER: HRC Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

AGENDA CHANGES, REQUESTS, DELETIONS – None.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – 3 members of the public addressed HRC on various issues.

NON-ACTION:

1. Joint Discussion with Human Relations Commission – HRC Chair Smith and PAC Chair Miyaji led a discussion regarding the upcoming public art in King Plaza to address racial equity and potential areas of collaboration. PAC Commissioners presented slides with images of previous participatory-based public art projects. Both commissions expressed enthusiasm about collaborating and stated the importance of including artists on community conversations around the issues of racial justice and equity. Commissioners agreed that artwork would need to be reflective of and relevant to Palo Alto, and be able to build discussions and express diverse perspectives and experiences of diverse communities residing in Palo Alto. PAC and HRC agreed to hold another special meeting in May. PAC Chair Miyaji will delegate a PAC liaison to participate in planning meetings for the series of community conversations that will take place in 2021.

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

CALENDAR: Next PAC Regular Meeting – March 18, 2021 at 7 pm via Zoom.

SPECIAL MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:51 pm by Chair Miyaji.