

**CITY OF EMERYVILLE
PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE**

Emily McPartlon, Chair
Vickie Jo Sowell, Vice Chair
Edythe Bresnahan, Member
Ronald Davis, Member
Harley Jensen, Member

Sabrina Sellers, Member
Rick Tejada-Flores, Member
Gloria Tanchelev, Member
Judith Wetterer, Member

**Action Minutes
Emeryville Public Art Committee
(PAC) Meeting
Regular Meeting
Garden Room 1333 Park Avenue**

Thursday, September 14, 2023, 5:30 pm

1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Emily McPartlon 5:40 p.m.

2 Roll Call:

Members Present: Edythe Bresnahan, Ronald Davis, Harley Jensen, Emily McPartlon, Rick Tejada-Flores, Gloria Tanchelev, and Judy Wetterer

Members Absent: Sabrina Sellers, Vickie Jo Sowell

Staff Present: Amber Evans, Ryan O'Connell

Public Present: Charmin Roundtree-Baaqee, Kelsey Petrone

3 Public Comment – None

4 Approval of Minutes - Meeting Action Minutes August 10, 2023 – Approval moved with corrections by Rick Tejada-Flores and seconded by Harley Jensen

Yea's: Edythe Bresnahan, Ronald Davis, Harley Jensen, Emily McPartlon, Gloria Tanchelev, Rick Tejada-Flores, and Judy Wetterer

Nea's: None

Abstention's: None

5 Action Items

5.1 Purchase Award Panel Configuration

Staff presented Emeryville Celebration of the Arts, City staff and community representative candidates and asked for PAC representation and Charmin Roundtree-Baaqee presented outside art professional options.

Emily McPartlon moved, and Edythe Bresnahan seconded a motion, as follows: The Selection Panel for the 2023 Purchase Award is recommended to be made up of: 1) Derrick Bell as outside arts professional; 2) Benjamin Bailie Trautman as outside arts professional; 3) Dr. Zoë Chafe as a community member; 4) Frances Gaston as Emeryville Celebration of the Arts (ECA) Board Representative; and 5) Alyssa Chung as City staff representative. The Selection Panel alternates are: 1)

Laura Rifkin, community member; 2) Simone O. Gage, outside arts professional; 3) Kava Massih or Pam Mendelsohn, ECA, and 4) Lois Porter, City staff representative.

Yea's: Edythe Bresnahan, Ronald Davis, Harley Jensen, Emily McPartlon, Vickie Jo Sowell, Gloria Tanchelev, Rick Tejada-Flores, and Judy Wetterer

Nea's: None

Abstention's: None

5.2 Commission of 2023 Mural and Consideration of Sites

Staff presented five locations to be considered for a 2023 Mural Call and asked for recommendations for the relative priority of seeking an artist for a 2023 call versus delaying, as the Visual Arts Grant Opportunity will be released in early 2024. Kelsey Petrone asked for prioritization of the Rising Sun northern wall to reflect the organization's mission. Kelsey Petrone indicated she would be open to applying for a Visual Art Grant if the site on San Pablo Avenue was not selected.

Emily McPartlon moved, and Edythe Bresnahan seconded a motion, as follows: "A 2023 Mural Call to have the theme, budget, and location to be determined by a Subcommittee to consist of Ronald Davis and Gloria Tanchelev to inform the PAC of their recommendations." Staff will provide the Mural Program Guidelines, Request for Proposals framework, and the presentation of available sites for Subcommittee review.

Yea's: Edythe Bresnahan, Ronald Davis, Harley Jensen, Emily McPartlon, Vickie Jo Sowell, Gloria Tanchelev, Rick Tejada-Flores, and Judy Wetterer

Nea's: None

Abstention's: None

5.3 Commission of 40th Street Streetscape Public Art

Staff presented the 40th Street Multimodal Project and opportunities for art in the project. Member Davis proposed that a Master Plan for the project inclusive of the various sites and possible types of art would be helpful, given the scale of the 40th Street Streetscape Public Art project.

Emily McPartlon moved, and Edythe Bresnahan seconded a motion, as follows: "Staff bring a proposal for a Request for Proposals for the 40th Street Streetscape Public Art project master plan to the November meeting of the PAC."

Yea's: Edythe Bresnahan, Ronald Davis, Harley Jensen, Emily McPartlon, Vickie Jo Sowell, Gloria Tanchelev, Rick Tejada-Flores, and Judy Wetterer

Nea's: None

Abstention's: None

5.4 Commission of Wayfinding Inlay Art

Item tabled. No further staff work is anticipated until the City initiates temporary wayfinding program to inform scope of the possible future Public Art project.

6 Information Items

6.1 **Public Art Project Report** – Staff shared images of the new works added by a Visual Art Grant and private development in August.

7 Future Agenda Items


- 7.1 Scott Donahue Donation (November)
- 7.2 Art Center Advisory Panel (November)
- 7.3 Art in Public Places Budget Review (January)
- 7.4 PAC Retreat (January/February)
- 7.5 Visual Arts Grants (January/February)

8 Announcements/Member Comments – Member Bresnahan announced the ECA show will be held October 6th to October 29th at the Public Market 5905 Shellmound Street and that the 45th Street Artists’ Cooperative is celebrating its 50th Anniversary with an invitation only celebration October 14th and 15th. Staff announced *Printing in the Park* at Doyle Hollis Park is 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. and the *Queer Film Festival* at Topsy Putt at Bay Street from 3:00 to 6:00 will be held September 17, and *Clay with your Food* at Jered’s Pottery by invitation only September 21st. Member Tejada-Flores announced *Soul Train* at the Curran Theater was outstanding production and then invited members to his film *Water for Life* and other filmmakers supported by the Berkeley Film Foundation screening at the Marin Film Festival October 9th and 14th.

9 Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

10 Next Meeting Date – Special Meeting October 5, 2023, 5:30 PM at the Public Market at 5905 Shellmound Street

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Approved by Committee:

