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ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

March 4, 2024, 4:30 p.m. – 979 17th Ave., Santa Cruz

I. Called to order at 4:43 p.m. Present: Niven, Leclerc, Stabile, Kroslowitz, Singer, *Miranda, Rogers
Absent/Excused: Leahy, Phillips Absent/Unexcused: none Vacant seats:1
Staff: Sarah Shea, Kathy DeWild *late arrival – 5:00PM

II. Approved Agenda - Motion/Second: Kroslowitz/Stabile
AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3

III. Oral Communications – None

VI. Approved Consent Agenda - Motion/Second: Stabile/Kroslowitz
AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3

V. & VI. Director & Staff reports

Parks maintenance staff have been busy cleaning up and repairing things after the recent storms. The budget for the upcoming fiscal year is underway. The department has applied for the State Park Outdoor Equity Grant. Nine proposals were received for the Recovery Center public art project; the selection panel will meet in late March to review them. The artists who created the public art project for the Live Oak Library Annex will install their sculpture, The Letters, this spring. Five new nominations of local emerging artists were received for the Spotlight Award..

VII. Regular Agenda

A. Action Items

1. Selected Commissioner Kroslowitz to serve on the Arts Advisory Panel, which meets when needed to vet potential donations to the County Art Collection..

Motion/Second: Stabile/Singer

AYES: 6
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 3

2. Selected Commissioners Singer and Rogers to serve on the Just in Time panel, which meets when needed to review applications for community supported/funded public art projects on County property/easements.

Motion/Second: Stabile/Kroslowitz

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2

3. Formed a Public Art in Private Development subcommittee, comprised of Commissioners Leclerc, Miranda, and Niven.

Motion/Second: Stabile/Kroslowiz

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2

4. Formed a Youth in the Arts subcommittee, comprised of Commissioners Singer and Leahy, with Commissioner Stabile serving in an advisory capacity.

Motion/Second: Stabile/Miranda

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2

B. Information/Discussion Items

1. The Public Art Program subcommittee presented their progress and findings to date, which included a survey of other municipalities plans, as well as a map showing the locations of all County of Santa Cruz public art projects to date. All commissioners will review the current procedures and email their thoughts to staff to collate into a document for subcommittee's use.

VIII. Next meeting date: May 6, 2024 – 4:30-6:00 PM. Agenda items may include:
Public Art in Program – report back from subcommittee and discussion
Youth in the Arts – report back from subcommittee and discussion
Select Artist of the Year 2025
Select Spotlight Award recipient(s)
Select Chair and Vice Chair for July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025

IX. Adjournment – 5:45 PM
Motion/Second: Stabile/Singer
AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2