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ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

September 9, 2024, 4:30 p.m. – 979 17th Ave., Santa Cruz

APPROVED

- I. Called to order at 4:36 p.m. Present: Niven, Phillips, Stabile, Kroslowitz, Singer, Miranda, Rogers
Absent/Excused: Leclerc, DeWorken Vacant seats:1
Staff: Sarah Shea, Kathy DeWild

- II. Approved Agenda with Modifications - Motion/Second: Miranda/Stabile
Switch Items VI. B. 4 and 1

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

- III. Oral Communications – None

- VI. Approved Consent Agenda - Motion/Second: Stabile/Miranda

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

- V. Staff reports

Summer programs were well-received by the public, with new class such as gymnastics and longtime favorites Pool Jr. Guards and swim lessons filling to capacity. The Department received a grant from the Coastal Conservancy to begin planning for outdoor education opportunities at Greyhound Rock. The Poetry & Music in the Park event at Mesa Village Park on 4/28 was a great success. The Spotlight Awardees' show on the 5th floor of the Gov. Ctr. will be up through mid-October. Poetry and Music in the Park with Poets: Kimberley Bermender, Andrew Fague, and Maggie Paul and musicians The Untangled Band will be held October 6 at Mesa Village Park from 1:30-3:30 p.m. The Arts Commission recommendation of public artist for the Ben Lomond Transfer Station public art project goes before the Board of Supervisors on Dec 10. The Call to Artists for Floral Park public art project is out, with proposals due Oct. 18. A Call for Hidden Beach public art will be released soon, followed shortly thereafter by Calls for the Swim Center Slide Replacement and the Pace Trails.

- VI. Regular Agenda

A. Information and Discussion Items

1. The Youth in Arts subcommittee has nothing new to report.
2. Parks staff shared the department's feedback on proposed draft updates to the Public Art & Design Guidelines, which included adding examples of how pooled funding could be spent to increase equity in arts throughout the County.

B. Action Items Items

1. Discussion concerning Public Art & Design Guideline updates continued, with commissioners responding to Parks' feedback, as well as proposing other updated language. Staff will update the draft guidelines with the commissioners' suggestions for review and potential action at the December 9 meeting. No vote was taken.

2. Appointed two Commissioners to serve on the Swim Center Slide Replacement public art panel: Singer and Kroslowitz.

Motion/Second: Stabile/Rogers

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2

3. Appointed two Commissioners to serve on the Pace Trails public art panel: Phillips and Niven.

Motion/Second: Stabile/Kroslowitz

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2

4. Appoint one Commissioner to serve on the Government Center Exhibits Panel: Kroslowitz

Motion/Second: Stabile/Singer

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2

5. Appoint one Commissioner to serve on the 2025/26 Santa Cruz County Poet Laureate selection committee: Miranda.

Motion/Second: Stabile/Singer

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2

VII. Next meeting date: December 9, 2024 – 3:00-6:00 PM. Agenda items may include:

- Arts Commission Attendance – 2023 and 2024
- Youth into the Arts – Commissioner Singer's presentation
- Consider Selection Panel's Recommendation of Public Artist for the Floral Park public art project
- Consider Selection Panel's Recommendation of Public Artist for the Hidden Beach public art project
- Consider 2025 Public Art Plan
- Consider 2025 Arts Commission meeting schedule
- Consider 2023/24 Biennial Report
- Public Art & Design Guidelines – Discussion and potential vote
- Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce – Arts Award Category – form subcommittee
- Legacy Award

VIII. Adjournment – 5:50 PM

Motion/Second: Kroslowitz/Singer

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2