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ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

May 4, 2026 – 4:30 p.m. – 979 17th Ave., Santa Cruz

- I. Called to order: 4:35 p.m. Present: Niven, Phillips, Kroslowitz, McGowen, Miranda, Leclerc, Gonzalez, Rogers
Absent / Excused: none Vacant seats: 2
Staff: Sarah Shea, Kathy DeWild

- II. Approved Agenda - Motion/Second: Phillips/Kroslowitz

AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

- III. Oral Communications – None

- VI. Approved Consent Agenda - Motion/Second: Kroslowitz/McGowen

AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

- V. Staff reports

VI. Regular Agenda

A. Information and Discussion Items

1. Arts Council Annual Report – Exec. Director Jim Brown gave a presentation of 2025 accomplishments and goals for 2026.
2. Museum of Art & History Annual Report – Exec. Director Ginger Shulick Porcella gave a presentation of 2025 accomplishments and goals for 2026.
3. The Percent for Arts in Private Development sub-committee gave their final report and presented a draft program outline and guidelines for the Commission's review and comment.

B. Action Items

1. Selected the 2026 Spotlight Award Recipients: Sally Fuess, Tish Bertino, and Barbara Martin

Motion/Second: McGowen/Kroslowitz

AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

2. Selected Artist of the Year 2027: Ann Theirmann

Motion/Second: Rogers/Kroslowitz

AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

3. Appointed Chair and Vice-chair for a term to begin July 1, 2026, and end June 30, 2027: Chair – Niven;
Vice-chair – Kroslowitz
Motion/Second: Phillips/McGowen
AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

4. Appointed Commissioner McGowen to serve on the Just in Time panel
Motion/Second: Miranda/Kroslowitz
AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

5. Appointed Commissioner LeClerc to serve on the Live Oak Library Annex/Swim Center exhibits panel
Motion/Second: Kroslowitz/Phillips
AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

VII. Next meeting date: July 6, 2026 – 4:30 PM.

VIII. Adjournment – 6:20 p.m.
Motion/Second: McGowen/ Kroslowitz
AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0