



# County of Santa Cruz

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## PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES

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### ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

July 21, 2025, 4:30 p.m. – 979 17<sup>th</sup> Ave., Santa Cruz

- I. Called to order at 4:41 p.m. Present: Niven, Phillips, Miranda, Leclerc, Singer, Kroslowitz, Stabile  
Absent / Excused: Rogers, McGowen Vacant seats: 1  
Staff: Sarah Shea, Kathy DeWild

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

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

III. Oral Communications – None

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

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

V. Staff reports

Shaun Logan completed the mural on the new restroom building at Hidden Beach – it has been well received by the public. The Spotlight Awards exhibition opens August 1 – join the artists for First Friday, 5-7PM on the 5th floor of the County Gov. Ctr. Justin Francavilla is installing the public artwork at Floral Park – the “Life of the Tide Pool Party” features tide-pool dwelling creatures on two bronze sculptures consisting of a bronze-relief plaque and a cast bronze sculpture. Bruce Harman has completed installation of the Green Valley MUP public art project, which features 5 painted concrete monoliths situated by new bus stop; Children from Amesti Elementary created ceramic tiles which art installed along the top edge of each monolith.

Santa Cruz County Parks offers small grants for community partners to provide cultural and recreational programs to communities the department has historically been unable to reach and serve. More information and the application can be found on the Parks website. Applications are due August 15. The department opened the new Valle del Pájaro County Park last week, the first park with a Spanish name in county history. The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Parks and Rex pool party will be held August 16 from 11AM-4PM at the Simpkins Swim Center. There will be something for everyone to enjoy, including your dog! Registration is not open for dog swim time slots and entry tickets.

VI. Regular Agenda

A. Information and Discussion Items

1. Percent for Arts in Private Development – Commissioners discussed the potential process and timeline, and decided a subcommittee should be formed to begin drafting procedures. The item will be added to the September 2025 agenda.
2. Chamber Arts Award Category – the chair of the subcommittee, Commissioner LeClerc, reported no decision has been made yet.

## **B. Action Items**

1. Voted to approve Micha Scott as Artist of the Year 2026.

Motion/Second: Kroslowitz/Phillips

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

2. Appointed two Commissioners, Kroslowitz and Singer, to serve on the live Oak Exhibits Panel.

Motion/Second: Phillips/Miranda

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

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

Motion/Second: Stabile/Miranda

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

4. Discussed the current Spotlight Award rating form and application – no vote was taken. This item was tabled to the November meeting agenda.
5. Reviewed and discussed the Legacy Award subcommittee's draft criteria, process and presentation - no vote was taken. This item was tabled to the November meeting agenda.
6. Reviewed and discussed the suggested edits to the Commission-approved Public Art & Design Guidelines – no vote was taken. This item was tabled to the Sept. 8 meeting agenda.

## **VII. Next meeting date: September 8, 2025 – 4:30-6:00 PM. Agenda items may include:**

- Public Art & Design Guidelines
- Percent for Arts in Private Development

## **VIII. Adjournment – 6:10 PM**

Motion/Second: Kroslowitz/Phillips

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