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ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES
September 14, 2026 – 4:30 p.m. – 979 17th Ave., Santa Cruz

I. Called to order: 4:42 p.m. Present: Niven, Phillips, Kroslowitz, Miranda, Leidenthal, Rogers, McGowen, Gonzalez
Absent / Excused: Leclerc Vacant seats: 1 Staff: Kathy DeWild

II. Approved Agenda - Motion/Second: Kroslowitz/Rogers
AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1

III. Oral Communications – None

VI. Approved Consent Agenda - Motion/Second: Phillips/McGowen
AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1

V. Staff reports

VI. Regular Agenda

A. Information and Discussion Items

1. Arts Commissioners reported on their meetings with appointing Supervisors regarding the updated Public Art and Design Guidelines, as well as the proposed Public Art in Private Development program.
2. Commissioners discussed potential next steps for the updated Public Art & Design Guidelines and the proposed Public Art in Private Development program.

B. Action Items

1. Appointed Commissioner Gonzalez to serve on the Government Center Exhibits Panel.
Motion/Second: Phillips/McGowen
AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1

2. Approved RFQ rather than RFP as the first step in the artist selection process for the Rail Trail public art project.
Motion/Second: Rogers/Phillips
AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1

VII. Next meeting date: November 16, 2026 – 3:00 PM.

VIII. Adjournment – 5:40 p.m.
Motion/Second: Kroslowitz/McGowen
AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1