



# County of Santa Cruz

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## PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES

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### ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

November 17, 2025 – 3:00 p.m. – 979 17<sup>th</sup> Ave., Santa Cruz

- I. Called to order: 3:14 p.m. Present: Niven\*, Phillips, Singer, Kroslowitz, Stabile, McGowen, Miranda, Leclerc+  
Absent / Excused: Rogers Vacant seats: 1 (+left early, \*arrived late)  
Staff: Sarah Shea, Kathy DeWild

- II. Approved Agenda - Motion/Second: Stabile/Kroslowitz  
AYES: 7  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 2

- III. Oral Communications – None

- VI. Approved Consent Agenda - Motion/Second: Phillips/Kroslowitz  
AYES: 7  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 2

V. Staff reports

Bruce Harman's proposal for the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing project goes to the Board of Supervisors for consideration on Dec. 9. A Call to Artists for the Pace Trails public art project went out, with proposals due from artists on Dec. 12. Applications for exhibitions at County Gov. facilities are due from artists on Nov. 30.

The 2025 Winter Wonderland: Breakfast with the Grinch and Holiday Market will be held on Saturday, Dec. 13 at the Simpkins Swim Center; this fun, festive, and family-friendly holiday celebration filled with cheer and community spirit. The Parks planning team is moving forward with plans to create affordable overnight cabins and an environmental education center at Greyhound Rock.

VI. Regular Agenda

A. Information and Discussion Items

1. Arts Commission Attendance record for 2024 and 2025 was provided to the commission for reference
2. Percent for Arts in Private Development – subcommittee members reported on their progress towards a draft policy.

B. Action Items

1. Approved the 2026 Public Art Plan  
Motion/Second: Stabile/Miranda  
AYES: 8  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 1

2. Approved the 2026 Arts Commission meeting schedule

Motion/Second: Kroslowitz/McGowen

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2

3. Finalized the Legacy Award criteria and process; will review and approve the edits at the next commission meeting

Motion/Second: Stabile/Phillips

AYES: 8

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1

4. Approved updates to the Spotlight Award nomination process and rating form

Motion/Second: Stabile/Miranda

AYES: 8

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1

5. Approved updates to the Artist of the Year criteria and scoring sheet

Motion/Second: McGowen/Phillips

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2

**VII.** Next meeting date: March 2, 2026 – 4:30 PM.

**VIII.** Adjournment – 5:46 p.m.

Motion/Second: Kroslowitz/Stabile

AYES: 8

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 1