



County of Santa Cruz

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ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

March 3, 2025, 4:30 p.m. – 979 17th Ave., Santa Cruz

- I. Called to order at 4:32 p.m. Present: Niven, Phillips, Stabile, Miranda, Leclerc, Singer, Rogers (late - 4:36), Kroslowitz, McGowen
Absent / Excused: none Vacant seats: 1
Staff: Sarah Shea, Kathy DeWild
- II. Approved Agenda - Motion/Second: Stabile/Phillips
AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1
- III. Oral Communications – None
- VI. Approved Consent Agenda - Motion/Second: Miranda/McGowen
AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1
- V. Staff reports
Parks is working on a communication and marketing plan for the Department. Work is in process on the Pace Trails, which will connect with the Quail Hollow Ranch trail system. Several new exercise programs for youth and adults will start up this spring. Field renovations are in process at Brommer County Park. The call to artists for the Juvenile Hall public art project went out, with proposals due on Feb 21. The Floral Park public art proposal goes before the Board of Supervisors for their consideration tomorrow. If approved, Justin Francavilla can begin work on the project. A call for nominations for the 2025 Spotlight Award has gone out, with nomination letters due by March 3.
- VI. Regular Agenda
- A. Information and Discussion Items
1. Commissioner Leclerc gave a brief report from the Legacy Award subcommittee
 2. % for Arts in Private Development
- B. Action Items
1. Voted to approve, with inclusion of discussed edits, the draft Live Oak Exhibits policies and procedures, and recommend the Board of Supervisors include them in the County Policy and Procedures manual.
Motion/Second: Rogers/Miranda
AYES: 9
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

2. Voted to approve Arts Advisory Panel's recommendation and recommend that the Board of Supervisors accept the donation of the Gail Rich photos into the County Art Collection

Motion/Second: Rogers/Phillips

AYES: 9
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

3. Form Legacy Award Ad Hoc Subcommittee and appoint Commissioners Stabile, Niven, and Miranda to serve on the subcommittee

Motion/Second: Miranda/Phillips

AYES: 9
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

4. Appoint Commissioners to serve on Ripple Effect Arts Festival committees: McGowen, Festival Events Team: Niven, Public Art Team

Motion/Second: Phillips/Miranda

AYES: 9
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

VII. Next meeting date: May 5, 2025 – 4:30-6:00 PM. Agenda items may include:

- Cultural Tourism
- Ripple Effect Festival – appoint commissioners to serve on various committees
- % for Arts in Private Development
- Legacy Award – criteria
- July meeting moves from the 7th to the 21st

VIII. Adjournment – 6:06 PM

Motion/Second: Stabile/Miranda

AYES: 9
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0