

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC ART COMMISSOIN
August 9, 2021
REGULAR MEETING**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Velasco at 3:02 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Commissioners Velasco, Cowell, Ryan, Spann and Vargas.

Special Guests: Carol Rogers, Stone & Glass; Heather Moe and Tristin Pittard from Esco Alley Art; Lisa Ruder from the San Diego Foundation.

Approval of Minutes: MSC Spann/Ryan to approve the minutes of June 14, 2021, 5/0.

NEW BUSINESS:

Esco Alley Art: Members of Esco Alley Art introduced themselves and gave a report on its activities and current and future public art called "Alley Art." They would like to receive funding from the Public Art Commission's budget for current and future projects. **MSC Spann/Cowell to fund Esco Alley Art for Phases One, Two and Three, in the amount of \$11,000.00, Vote 5/0.**

Liaison Report: Assistant Director Lopez reported that the Washington Park Ribbon Cutting event is in the planning stages. Possible joint effort for the mural art and the skatepark. Waiting for a construction date and looking at mid-September.

Public Art Webpage: Assistant Director Lopez and intern, Belle Morelock, are working with Information Systems to revamp our public art webpage, which is very outdated. We are updating the walking tour information; QR codes on part of the website for people to donate; a roster for artists; and the mural and electrical box policies. Our department will be presenting to the City Council on August 25th.

Community: The lighting has been repaired with lights working on the public art installation by Barnes & Noble on Valley Parkway.

Murals on Centre City Parkway: The Commissioners would like to use the tunnels on Interstate 15 going in and out of the City on Centre City Parkway for murals. It is CalTrans property and is not City property. Assistant Director Lopez will be contacting CalTrans to see if they will allow us to use the tunnels for artwork.

Escondido Creek Trail: This project is moving forward and 60% work has been completed. We will be looking for murals, shadow figures across the bridges. This will be a separate project from the construction. 90% design by the end of September, hopefully.

MURAL POLICY: Please review this policy for the last time. We want to move forward to post this on our website for use.

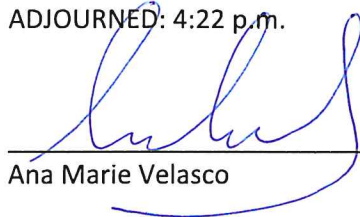
FINANCIAL REPORT: Has not changed since the last meeting. It will be updated at the next meeting. New monies were aside toward murals and utility boxes.

MURALS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS: Vargas thanked Danielle for her working with them over the past months and bringing projects to fruition. Commission Velasco has been working with an artist that wants to put a mural on Rose and the Creek Trail. This will be our first artist to apply for monies.

QUEEN CALIFIA: Assistant Director Lopez reported that we are moving forward with repairs with Lech Juretko. Waiting on insurance documents and agreement is in place. The Foundation asked us to complete the repairs by April/May of 2022. Trees and shrubs were removed as well as the old wooden kiosk and flyer holder. The whole area has been cleaned up and power washed; area will be cleaned on a monthly basis going forward. Commissioner Spann reported on the meeting with the Foundation and said it was a great meeting. She is very excited about the Foundation allowing us to do fundraising and thinks this will really take care of the Queen. Vargas wants to open up more hours but we do not have the docents to monitor the public. The Foundation wants to have it monitored. Commissioner Velasco wants Assistant Director Lopez to reach out to the CSUSM and other institutions for interns and to pass the request on to Marty Tiedeman.

Commissioner Ryan said she took a ride with Commissioner Velasco and wants to promote solar lights. She wants to enhance what is already done with lighting or other alternatives. Looking into water lines; traffic signs moving; trees and shrubbery cut; water use is limited; does not want to create an art nuisance. The Commissioners talked about all the problems with public art on Valley Parkway and how to address their concerns.

ADJOURNED: 4:22 p.m.



Ana Marie Velasco