

San Francisco Arts Commission Meeting

September 11, 2023

Item 1: Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Changes, Land Acknowledgement

- Call to order
- Roll call / Confirmation of quorum
- Agenda Changes
- Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement



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Land Acknowledgement

The San Francisco Arts Commission acknowledges that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the ancestors, elders and relatives of the Ramaytush Community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples. As a department dedicated to promoting a diverse and equitable Arts and Culture environment in San Francisco, we are committed to supporting the traditional and contemporary evolution of the American Indian community.



Antone Family (Tohono O'odham), 2019, Photo by Hulleah Tsinhnahjinnie Left to right: Christine [seated], Melanie, Michelle and Arianna



Item 2: Approval of Minutes

Discussion and Possible Action

Motion to Approve August 7, 2023 Minutes



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Item 3: General Public Comment

Discussion

(This item is to allow members of the public to comment generally on matters within the Committee's purview as well as to suggest new agenda items for the committee's consideration.)



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Discussion

Staff Presenter: Director of Cultural Affairs Ralph Remington

Presentation Time: Approximately 10 minutes



Recent Highlights







Edge on the Square Press Event Celebrating Executive Director Joanne Lee August 17, 2023







A.C.T.'s Opening Night of *Hippest Trip - The Soul Train Musical*September 6, 2023







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Recent Highlights



Community Investments Updates





Arts Impact Endowment Project-Based Initiative

Deadline to apply: October 5, 2023





SFAC Cultural Ambassadors





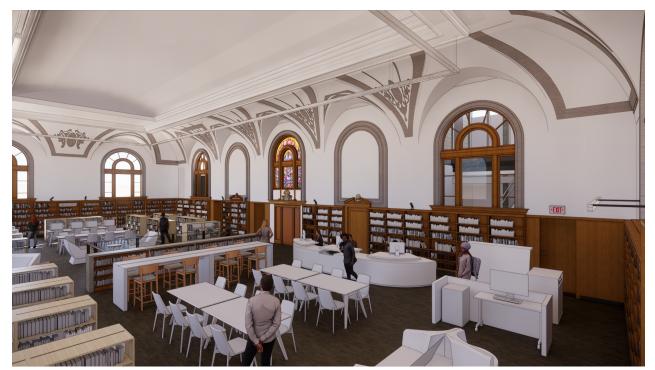
Dream Keeper Initiative

Grant Period: January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024



Public Art Updates









Mission Branch Library: Capital Improvement Project

Artwork to be installed in 2025





Gene Friend Recreation Center Improvement Project

Deadline to Submit: September 18, 2023





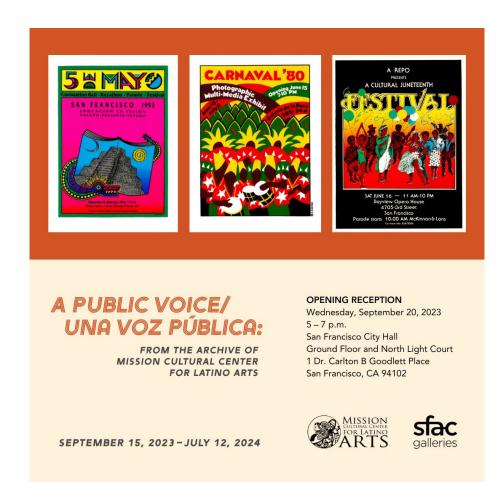




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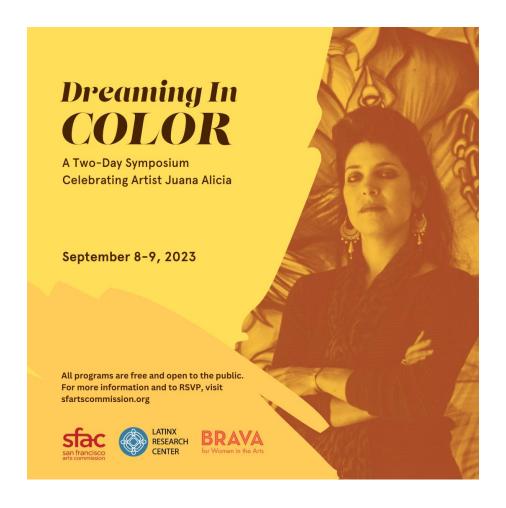
Gallery Updates





A Public Voice/Una Voz Pública: From the Archive of Mission Cultural Center for Latino Arts
Opening Reception: September 30, 2023 5-7 pm





Dreaming In Color: A Two-Day Symposium Celebrating Artist Juana Alicia
September 8-9



HR Updates





Sarah HollenbeckDeputy Director of Finance & Administration





Lex LeifheitDeputy Director of Programs









SFAC Jobs



Questions & Public Comments



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Questions & Public Comments



Item 5: Commissioner Rules and Responsibilities Overview

Discussion

Staff Presenters: Lauren Curry, Deputy City Attorney

Presentation Time: Approximately 15 minutes



Arts Commissioner Roles and Responsibilities

Office of the City Attorney David Chiu

September 11, 2023

Artwork: We Will Walk Right Up To The Sun, © 2019 by Sarah Cain, Collection of the City and County of San Francisco
Photo credit: Jeff McLane



Agenda

- Background: The Arts Commission
- Arts Commission: Powers and Duties
- General Powers and Duties of City Commissions
- Role of the Arts Commission and the Department Head
- Annual Filing Obligations for City Commissioners
- Ethics Matters
- Thank you!



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Background: The Arts Commission

- The San Francisco voters created the Arts Commission by charter in 1932.
- The Arts Commission is the City agency that champions the arts as essential to daily life by investing in a vibrant arts community, enlivening the urban environment and shaping innovative cultural policy.
- The Arts Commission consists of fifteen members appointed by the Mayor who serve four-year terms. (Charter Sec. 5.103.)
- Eleven members shall be practicing arts professionals including two architects and a landscape architect, and four members shall be lay members.



Bernard Baruch Zakheim; Library; Collection of the City and County of San Francisco; Commissioned by the Public Works of Art Project for Coit Tower

Arts Commission: Powers and Duties

Under Charter Section 5.103, the Arts Commission is responsible for, among other things:

- Approving the designs of all public structures and private structures which extend over City property.
- Approving the design and location of all works of art on City property.
- Cataloging, caring for, and maintaining works of art owned by the City.
- Promoting neighborhood arts programs and assuring the Cityowned community cultural centers remain open, accessible and vital contributors to the cultural life of the City.
- Appropriations made by the Board of Supervisors for the advancement of the visual, performing or literary arts.

Administrative Code Section 2A.150 fleshes out the Commission's Charter duties.



Artwork: *Building a Better Bayview*, © 2002 by Phillip Hua, Collection of the City & County of San Francisco, Photo Credit Ethan Kaplan Photography

General Powers and Duties of City Commissions

The Charter also sets out general duties of Commissions, including the following:

- to formulate, evaluate and approve goals, objectives, plans and programs and set policies consistent with the overall objectives of the City and County, as established by the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors through the adoption of City legislation;
- to approve the department's budget;
- to conduct investigations into any aspect of governmental operations within its jurisdiction through the power of inquiry, and make recommendations to the Mayor or the Board of Supervisors;
- to prepare an annual report describing it activities, and file such report with the Mayor and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors;
- to appoint an executive secretary to manage the affairs and operations of the Commission.



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(Charter Sections 4.102; 4.103.)

Role of the Arts Commission and the Department Head

- The Arts Commission is the policy body that oversees the work of the Director of Cultural Affairs and department staff ("Department").
- The general role of the Arts Commission is to formulate, evaluate and approve goals, objectives, plans and programs and set policies for the Department.
- The Director of Cultural Affairs is the chief executive officer of the Department and has full power and authority to administer the affairs of the Department.
- The Arts Commission and its members may not interfere with the Director's day-to-day management of the administrative affairs of the Department.

(The Good Government Guide discusses the role of commissions at pages 13-17.)



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Annual Filing Obligations for City Commissioners

Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700)

- Commissioners must file an annual Statement of Economic Interests (Form 700) with the City's Ethics Commission on or before **April 1** of each year.
- Arts Commissioners must disclose:
 - investments and business positions in any business entity, and income from any source, which
 does business with the Arts Commission, or has done business with the Arts Commission within
 the two years prior to the date any disclosure statement must be filed, or which may foreseeably
 do business with the Arts Commission in the future
- Commissioners must also report certain income, investments and property owned by their spouse or registered domestic partner, if applicable.

Ethics and Sunshine Trainings

 Commissioners must complete a Sunshine Ordinance training and ethics training and file a new declaration with the City's Ethics Commission each year by April 1.

Gifts, Honoraria, Travel, Loans, Behested Payments, and Fundraising

- The laws governing the solicitation and acceptance of gifts, honoraria, travel, loans, and behested payments are complicated.
- There are also laws that impose restrictions on the political fundraising activities of members of boards and commissions.
- Please carefully review the discussion at pages 66-83 of the Good Government Guide and the Ethics Commission website (https://sfethics.org/guidance/city-officers) on these matters and consult with our Office about any questions you may have.

Ethics Matters

Conflicts of Interest

- In general, a conflict of interest is when a commissioner's personal interests such as their financial interests or the financial interests of an immediate family member clash with the commissioner's duties as a public officer.
- The rules governing conflicts of interest are complicated and tend to be fact specific.

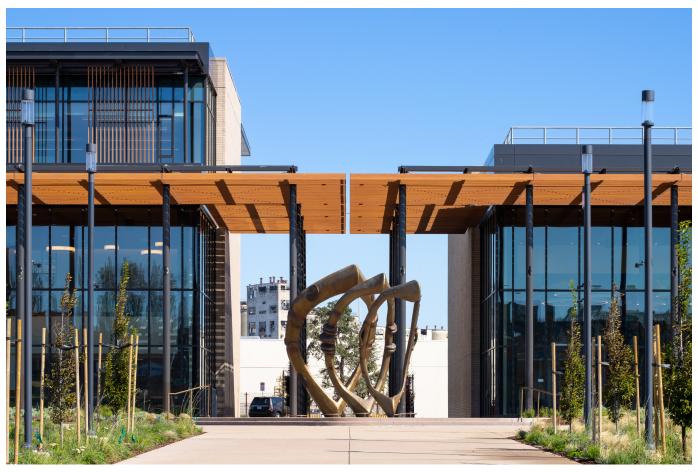
Political Activity by City Officers and Employees

- State and local laws restrict the use of City resources for political activities and also prohibit certain political activities of elected officials and commissioners.
- The Good Government Guide discusses these laws at pages 62-63. Additionally, our Office maintains a public legal memorandum outlining the basic rules and principles governing the political activities of City officers and employees. The current version of the political activities memorandum may be found on our Office's legal opinions webpage.

Statement of Incompatible Activities

• The Ethics Commission has adopted a Statement of Incompatible Activities for each commission and board. Commissioners and board members, may not engage in any outside employment or activity that the Statement identifies as incompatible.

Thank you!



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Item 6: SFAC Galleries Fall 2023 Exhibitions

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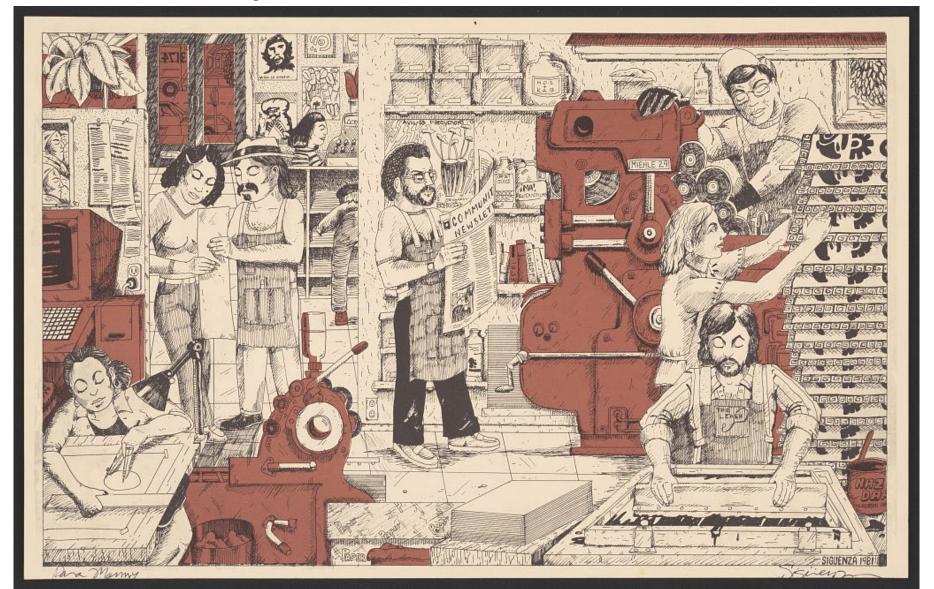
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Presentation of the SFAC Galleries upcoming 2023 Main Gallery and City Hall Exhibitions.

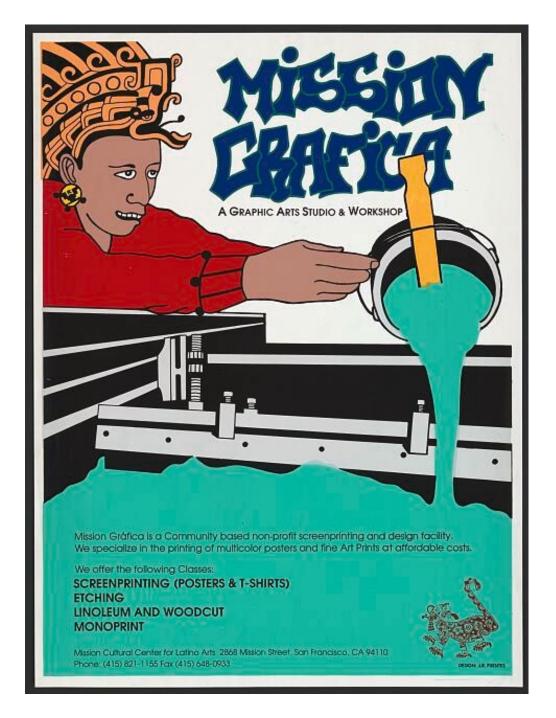


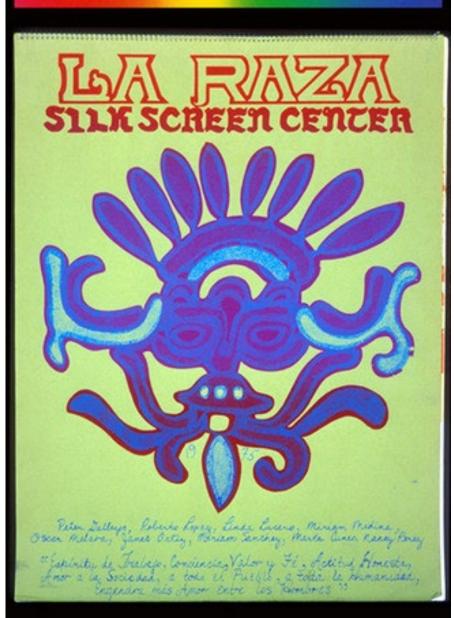
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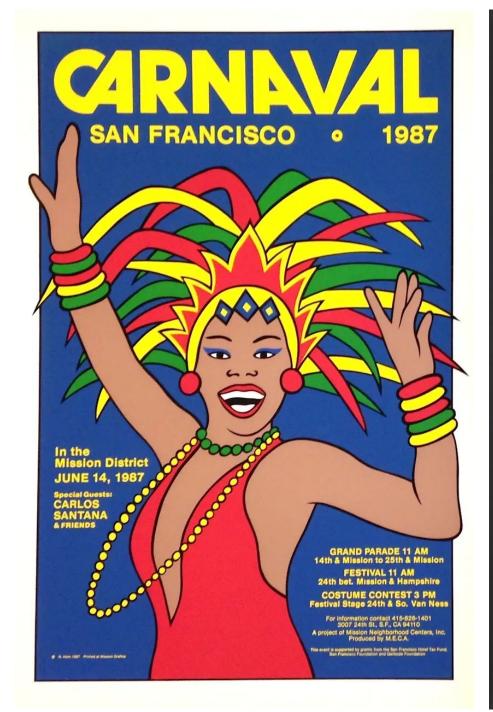
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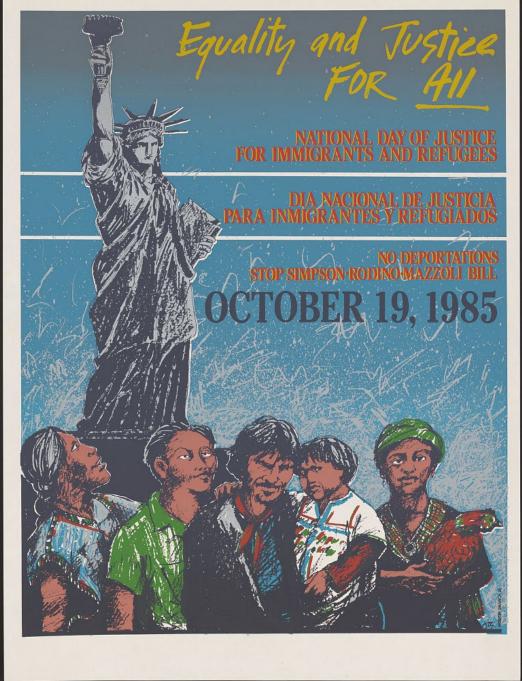


A Day in the Life. Print by Herbert Siguenza, 1981. La Raza Graphics









SFAC Main Gallery October 13 – December 16, 2023 Curated by Minoosh Zomorodinia





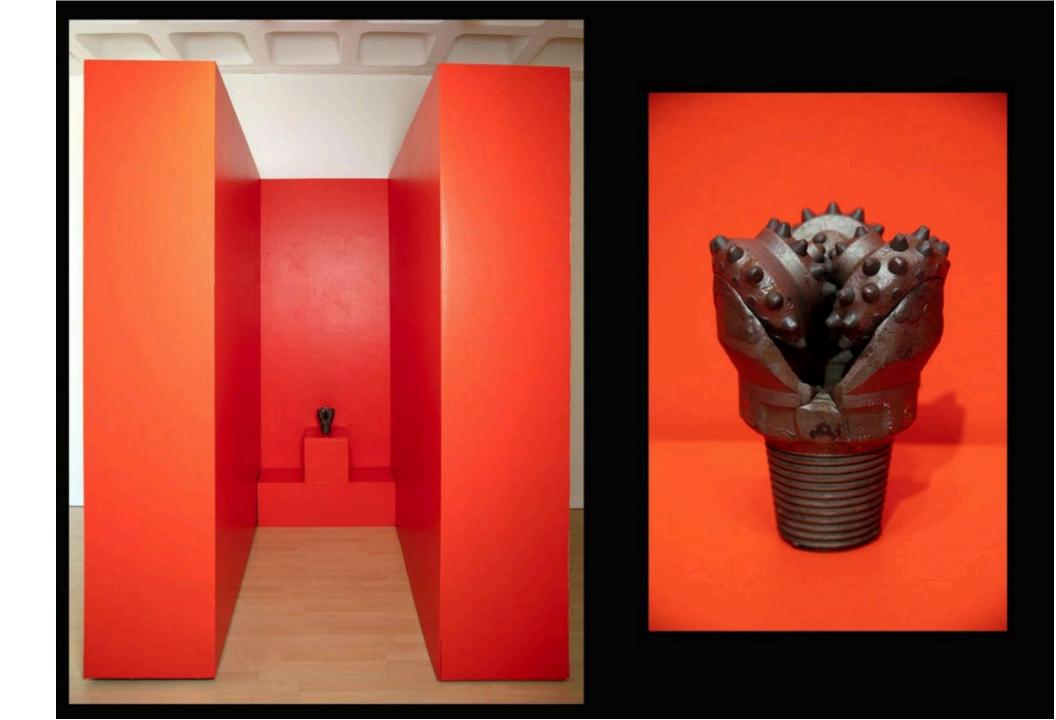
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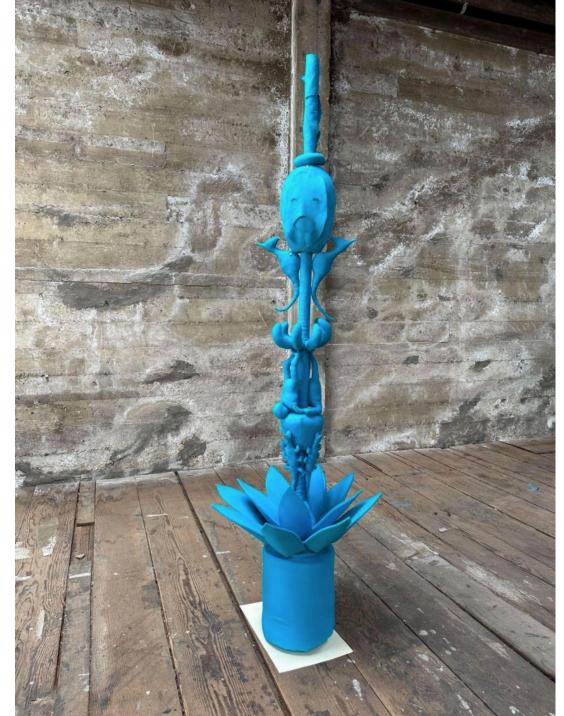
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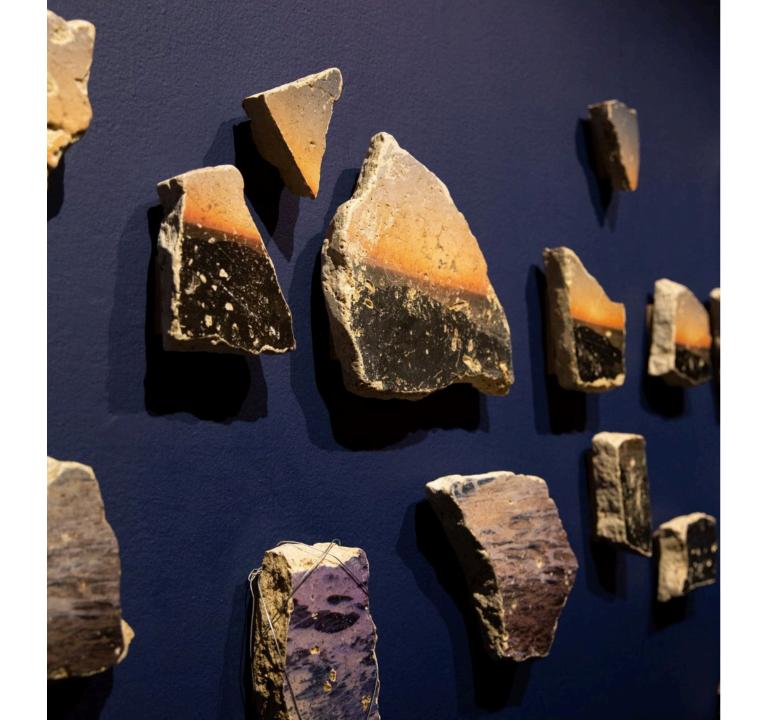
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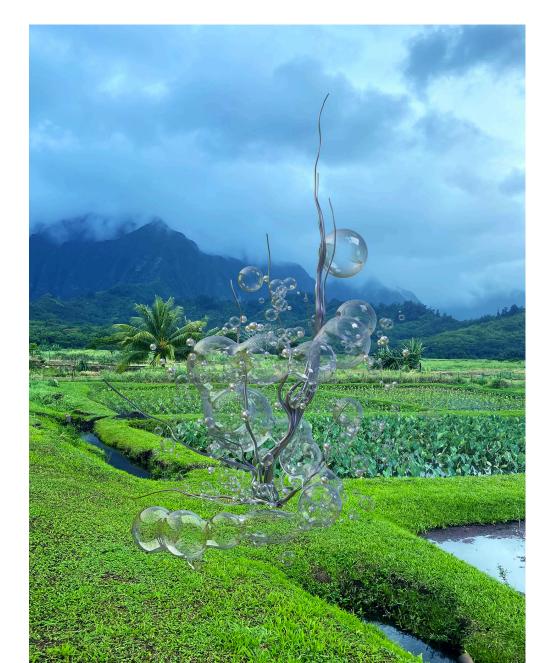
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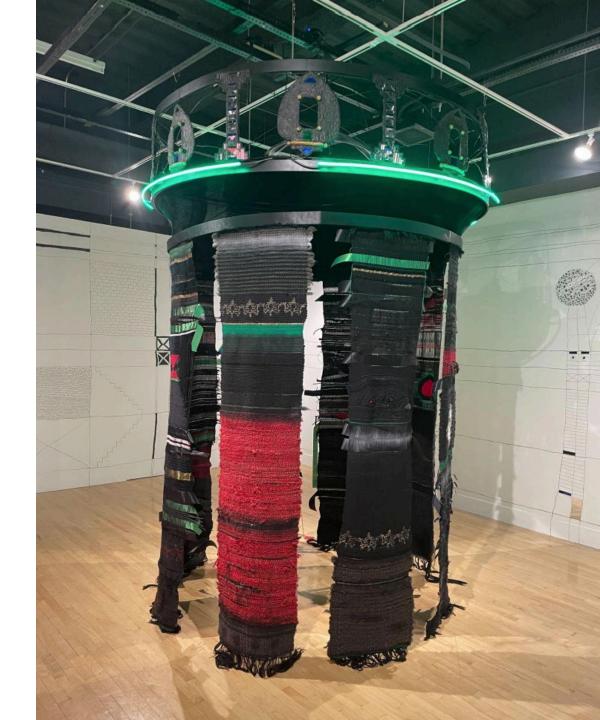
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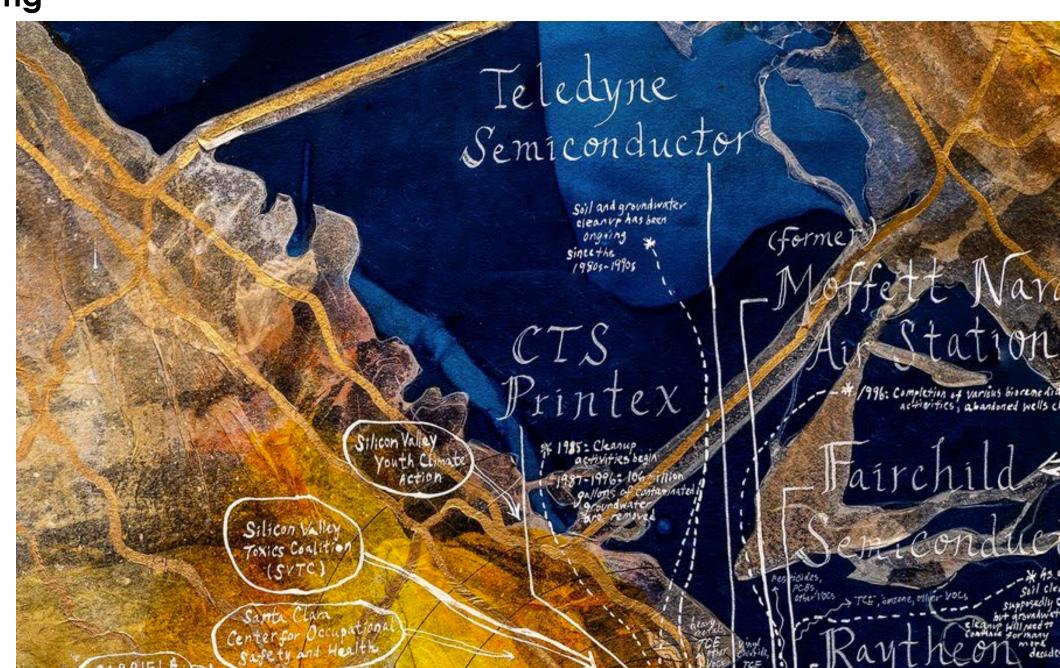




Supermrin



Connie Zheng



About the Curator:

Minoosh Zomorodinia is an Iranian-born interdisciplinary artist who makes visible the emotional and psychological reflections of her mind's eye inspired by nature and her environments. She employs walking as a catalyst to reference the power of technology as a colonial structure while negotiating boundaries of land. Her strollings sometimes reimagine our relationships between nature, land, and technology, while addressing transformation of memories into actual physical space absurdly.



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Item 7: Committee Reports and Committee Matters

Discussion



Item 7, Subitem 1

Civic Design Review Committee Report

Discussion

Report from the Civic Design Review Committee regarding activities and updates of the committee.

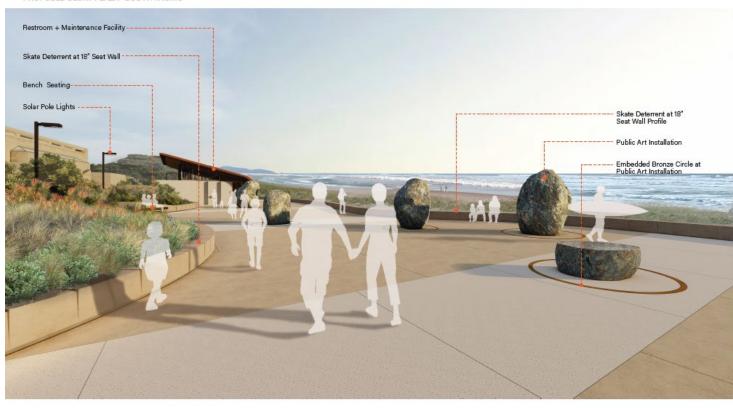
Presenter: Commissioner Stryker

Presentation Time: Approximately 10 minutes



Item 7, Subitem 1

PROPOSED SLOAT PLAZA - SOUTH FACING



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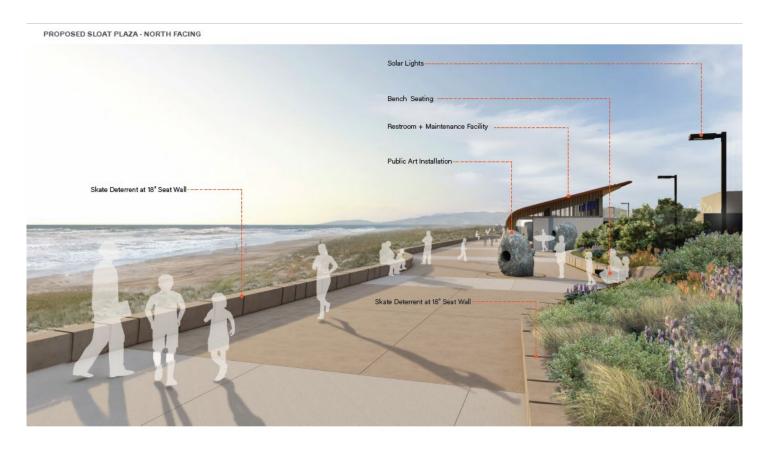






Ocean Beach Climate Change Adaptation Project





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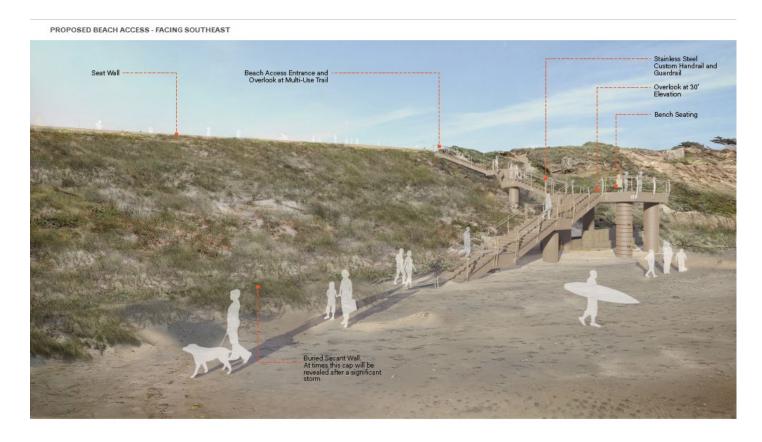






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SLOAT PLAZA RESTROOM ELEVATION - SFDPW



NORTH ELEVATION



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SOUTH ELEVATION



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Presentation Time: Approximately 10 minutes



Community Investments Committee Report

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Presenter: Commissioner Shiota

Presentation Time: Approximately 10 minutes



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Presentation Time: Approximately 10 minutes



Cultural Center Allocations

Discussion and possible action

Presenter: Commissioner Shiota

Presentation Time: Approximately 5 minutes



Item 7, Subitem 2.2.1

Cultural Center Allocations

1. Discussion and possible action to approve the Cultural Center fiscal year 2023-2024 grant amount not to exceed \$864,822 to SOMArts; and to sub-grantee Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Center for a grant amount not to exceed \$149,880; and to sub-grantee Queer Cultural Center for a grant amount not to exceed \$149,880; and to sub-grantee American Indian Cultural Center for a grant amount of \$449,880; which includes \$300,000 in general operating support (authorized by resolution 1107-22-196) for a 2023-2024 total of \$1,614,462 and to authorize the Director of Cultural Affairs to enter into a total grant agreement not to exceed \$4,350,870 for fiscal years 2024-2026



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Item 7, Subitem 2.2.2

Cultural Center Allocations

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Executive Committee Agencywide Strategic and Business Plan Contract *Discussion and possible motion*

Discussion and possible motion to authorize the Director of Cultural Affairs to enter into an agreement with AECOM Technical Services, LLC to procure an agencywide strategic and business plan for an amount not to exceed \$374,000.

Presenter: President Collins

Presentation Time: Approximately 5 minutes



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Visual Arts Committee Report

Discussion

Presenter: Commissioner Ferras

Presentation Time: Approximately 10 minutes

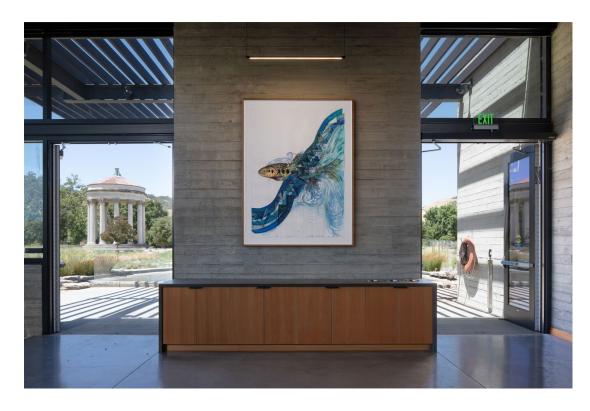
Report from the Visual Arts Committee regarding activities of the Committee and the Program.



Alameda Creek Watershed



Walter Kitundu
Ruupaywa: Songs of the Watershed (2023)
Steel, glass, sound



Adrian Arias *Traveler* (2022) Mixed media on paper



49 South Van Ness Video Wall



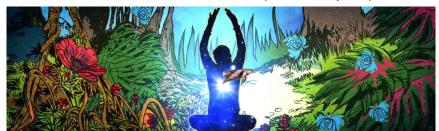


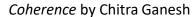


Workers at Night by Susana Barrón

Psyclone Calafia by Zeina Barakeh

Alcatraz is an Idea by Kota Ezawa







Legends of the 7 x 7 by Patrick Sean Gibson



Public Art Project Plans

Gene Friend Recreation Center: Folsom St. Btw Harriet & 6th St.



Opportunity 1: Integrated wall artwork in gym Opportunity 2: 2D artwork in interior corridors

San Francisco International Airport: Terminal 3 Connector Corridor



Purchase 2D artworks for 2 wall niches on either side of Alison Saar's sculpture *Flourish*



Visual Arts Committee Report

Discussion

Presenter: Commissioner Ferras

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Item 8: Consent Calendar

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Item 9: New Business and Announcements

Discussion

(This item is to allow Commissioners to introduce new agenda items for consideration.)



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Item 10: Adjournment

Action

