



MEETING OF THE VISUAL ARTS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

3 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

Minutes

Commissioner Ferras called the meeting to order at 3:43pm.

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Changes, Land Acknowledgment

Commissioners Present:

Suzie Ferras, Chair

Jeanne McCoy

Nabiel Musleh

Abby Sadin Schnair

Commissioners Absent:

JD Beltran

Mahsa Hakimi

Yiying Lu

Commissioner Ferras called for changes to the agenda. She announced that item 4, 2023 Art on Market Street Poster Series, was tabled.

2. General Public Comment

(0:05:52)

There was no public comment.

3. Consent Calendar

(0:07:05)

1. Motion to approve *Natural Attraction V*, a mural design by Amanda Lynn. The mural will be installed on the building at 1080 Folsom St. at Moss St. in District 6. The mural measures approximately 80 ft. tall by 64 ft. wide on Folsom St.; 80 ft. tall by 90 ft. wide on Moss St. The artwork is funded by a Community Challenge Grant and will not become part of the Civic Art Collection.
2. Motion to approve *Nurturing Community at San Francisco Community School (SFC)*, a mosaic mural design by Ross Holzman. The mosaic mural will be installed on the building on the San Francisco Community School at 125 Excelsior Ave. at Excelsior Ave. in District 11. The work measures approximately 660 sq. ft. overall. The artwork is funded by a Community Challenge Grant and private funds and will not become part of the Civic Art Collection.
3. Motion to approve *I Love SF*, a mural design by Adam Fujita. The mural will be installed on the building at 1946 Van Ness Ave. at Jackson St. in District 3. The work measures approximately 20 ft. by 60 ft. The artwork is funded by a Community Challenge Grant and will not become part of the Civic Art Collection.
4. Motion to approve *The Poppied Rolling Hills of California*, a mural design by Matt Evans. The mural will be installed on the retaining wall at 201 College Ave. at Crescent Ave. in District 9. The work measures approximately 20 ft. by 60 ft. The artwork is funded by a Community Challenge Grant and will not become part of the Civic Art Collection.
5. Motion to approve *La Petite Prince*, a mural design by Marco Razo, which will be painted by David Benzler. The mural will be installed on the Good Prospect Community Garden Wall at 100

Cortland Ave. in District 9. The work measures approximately 28 in. by 280 in. The artwork is privately funded by Avenue Greenlight and will not become part of the Civic Art Collection.

6. Motion to approve *REY*, a mural design by Simón Malvaez. The mural will be installed on the Dore Street side of 1347 Folsom Street in District 6. The work measures approximately 10 ft. by 16 ft. The artwork is funded by MOHCD Cultural District and private funds and will not become part of the Civic Art Collection.
7. Motion to approve Construction Document Phase deliverables (Structural Engineering Drawings) for Mark Baugh-Sasaki's artwork for Pelican Park (formerly Transbay Block 3) public art project.
8. Motion to approve 7 mural designs by Jewelina Acosta to be installed on 7 SFMTA utility boxes along 16th Street in District 5. The artist was selected by the American Indian Cultural District (AICD). The murals are privately funded and will not become part of the Civic Art Collection. The locations of the boxes are:
 - 1) 16th Street & Shotwell, Northeast Corner
 - 2) 16th Street & South Van Ness, Southwest Corner
 - 3) 16th Street & Capp, Northwest Corner
 - 4) 16th Street & Mission, Northwest Corner
 - 5) 16th Street & Guerrero, Southwest Corner
 - 6) 16th Street & Dolores, Southeast Corner
 - 7) Church Street & 16th, Southeast Corner
9. Motion to amend the locations for the four mural designs by Diego Gomez for the four utility boxes listed in RESOLUTION NO. 0807-23-126 from Leavenworth St. and Eddy St.; Ellis St. and Leavenworth St.; Leavenworth St. and O'Farrell St.; Hyde St. and Post St to Mason and O'Farrell, northeast corner;

Mason and Ellis, northeast corner; Eddy and Mason, southwest corner; and Hyde and Post, northeast corner.

There was no public comment.

Moved: McCoy/Musleh

The motion unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ferras, McCoy, Musleh, Schnair

THE FOLLOWING ITEM WAS TABLED

4. 2023 Art on Market Street Poster Series

(00:08:45)

Discussion and Possible Action: to approve the 12 final designs by Minnie Phan for the 2023 Art on Market Street Kiosk Poster Series.

**5. San Francisco Main Library – Dr. Maya Angelou Sculpture Project
(0:08:46)**

Project Manager Aleta Lee gave a brief overview of the history of the Dr. Maya Angelou Sculpture project at the San Francisco Public Library, Main Branch, and highlighted the changes in design. The project is currently on schedule to install in 2024 at the Larkin Street entrance by Grove Street and will measure approximately 9 ft. tall overall. This will be the first monument to an African American woman in the city. The bronze sculpture is in the shape of a book with a portrait of Dr. Maya Angelou circa 1973 on the front cover, Maya Angelou's name on the spine, and a quote from Angelou emphasizing the importance of libraries on the back cover. The sculpture will sit on a basalt stone rectangular base with the text "Still I Rise" (from a 1978 Angelou poem) engraved in the front of the base.

Commissioner McCoy inquired if this would be the first monument to African American people in the city. Program Associate Tara Peterson responded that in terms of bronze sculptures depicting a person, the Civic Art Collection includes a bust of former Mayor Willie Brown at City Hall. However, if other forms and materials of art are considered, there are other

memorials to African American people in the Civic Art Collection.

Artist Lava Thomas commented on the journey to this artwork milestone and thanked everyone involved in getting the artwork to this point.

There was no public comment.

Motion: to approve Design Development Phase deliverables (revised design) and Construction Document Phase deliverables (final mock-ups) by Lava Thomas for the San Francisco Main Library - Dr. Maya Angelou Sculpture Project.

Moved: Schnair/McCoy

The motions unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ferras, McCoy, Musleh, Schnair

6. San Francisco International Airport – Harvey Milk Terminal 1 – Atrium Project (0:23:47)

Ms. Lee presented the final design of Craig Calderwood’s mural *The Only Blue is the Sky* for the atrium in Harvey Milk Terminal 1 at the San Francisco International Airport. The mural will cover approximately 2,373 sq. ft. of the three-story atrium around the escalator shaft. Ms. Lee shared the finalized color palette of 23 colors in pantone and house mixed Nova Color paints by Precita Eyes Muralists. The artwork is currently scheduled to be installed in spring of 2024 with the terminal opening to the public in Summer 2024. The mural design depicts the symbols and patterns of Fruits, Flowers and Stripes which historically have been used to represent deviants, queerness and otherness. Calderwood’s design creates figures and environments made of these symbols living peaceful lives and focusing on Harvey Milk’s legacy of making life for people living in otherness comfortable.

In response to a query by Commissioner McCoy, Ms. Lee clarified that

Precita Eyes Muralists will be subcontracted to Craig Calderwood to help with the mixing of paint colors and the painting of the mural.

There was no public comment.

Motion: to approve Design Development Phase deliverables (final design) and Construction Document Phase deliverables (material and mock-ups) by Craig Calderwood for the SFO Harvey Milk Terminal 1 Atrium Project.

Moved: Schnair/Musleh

The motions unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Ferras, McCoy, Musleh, Schnair

7. Staff Report

(0:39:19)

Mary Chou, Civic Art Collection and Public Art Program Director, shared that the 1844 Senior Program Manager position for the Mellon Grant is still open, it closes on the 25th of September.

Ms. Chou welcomed Lex Leifheit, the new Deputy Director of Programs to the Arts Commission and her first VAC meeting.

There was no public comment.

8. New Business and Announcements

(0:41:44)

Commissioner Ferras announced the next Art Walk SF event will be on Saturday, October 7th in Glen Park. Ms. Ferras also announced the Thursday November 16th Night Market on Clement Street.

Commissioner McCoy encouraged everyone to see the Soul Train Musical at A.C.T.

There was no public comment.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28pm.

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