

MINUTES
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
Thursday, September 24, 2020
Virtual teleconference via Zoom
6:00 p.m.

Commissioners Present: **Ben Miyaji, Loren Gordon, Nia Taylor, Hsinya Shen, Ian Klaus** joined the meeting at 6:12

Staff Present: **Elise DeMarzo**, Public Art Program Director
Nadya Chuprina, Public Art Program Coordinator

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Miyaji called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

AGENDA CHANGES, REQUESTS, DELETIONS – None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 17, 2020 PAC Meeting Minutes **Moved:** Commissioner Taylor; **Second:** Vice Chair Gordon. **All in Favor.**

STAFF COMMENTS: None

ACTION:

1. **Public Art Microgrants** – Staff made a presentation to the Commissioners that provided examples of temporary public art projects created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic around the US and globally. Having reviewed artist microgranting models recently realized in other cities, staff suggested allocating funding for microgrant projects that would support emotional and economic recovery in Palo Alto. Microgrants available to local artists and creatives for creation of temporary visual and performative art projects would align with the PAC objectives for 2020/21 and other Citywide initiatives, such as “Uplift Local”. As a pilot, staff suggested an initial roll out 40 microgrants to cover all areas in Palo Alto, stimulating local economy by drawing the public to both commercial corridors, and animating residential neighborhoods. **Moved:** Vice Chair Gordon moved to allocate funding out of the Muni % for Art CIP fund in the amount of \$40,000 to fund 40 public art microgrants. **Second:** Commissioner Taylor. **All in Favor.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS – None

CALENDAR: Next PAC Regular Meeting – October 15, 2020 at 7 pm via Zoom.

MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:38 pm by Chair Miyaji.