

PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA
August 21, 2023
Palm Springs City Hall
3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way
Large Conference Room

Pursuant to Assembly Bill 361, this meeting was conducted by teleconference and in-person.

A. CALL TO ORDER:

A special meeting of the Palm Springs Public Arts Commission was called to order by Chair Armstrong on Wednesday, August 21, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present: Chair Gary Armstrong, Vice Chair Barrett Newkirk, Christopher Ramirez, Carlos Silveira, Tom Burns, Melissa Shelton (arrived at approximately 8:41 minutes)
Not present: Shawnda Thomas Faveau

City Staff: Jay Virata

C. ACCEPTANCE OF THE AGENDA:

MOTION BY CHAIR ARMSTRONG TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA, SECONDED BY
VICE CHAIR NEWKIRK, CARRIED 5-0 TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

E. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR: None.

F. REMARKS FROM THE VICE CHAIR: None.

G. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL:

1. Discussed and reviewed for approval selected Pillars of Palm Springs artworks for the East Tahquitz Median, for recommendation to the City Council.

Chair Armstrong expressed the gratitude of the Public Arts Commission to all the talented artists who participated in this artist call for the Pillars of Palm Springs project, and noted the specifications required for these submissions. The Public Arts Commission's role in this meeting is to formally accept the artworks selected by the selection committee and to recommend that the selection subsequently be presented to city council for approval. One of the six proposals – Serenity - needed minor technical adjustments. For the Equality piece, Commissioner Shelton notes

is not clear at first sight and viewers would not have access to any narrative on the median. Placement and sequence of these artworks on the median have not yet been determined.

MOTION TO APPROVE MADE BY VICE CHAIR NEWKIRK, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SILVEIRA, 4 - APPROVE, 2 – ABSTAIN (COMMISSIONERS RAMIREZ AND SHELTON), 1 – ABSENCE, CARRIED TO 4-2 TO APPROVE THE PILLARS OF PALM SPRINGS ARTWORK SELECTIONS TO PROCEED TO CITY COUNCIL FOR APPROVAL.

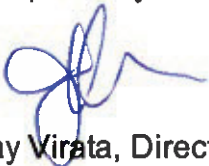
H. PROJECT UPDATES: None.

I. REPORT FROM DIRECTOR/STAFF: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The Public Arts Commission adjourned to a meeting on September 20, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. in the Large Conference Room of Palm Springs City Hall located at 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way.

MOTION MADE BY VICE CHAIR NEWKIRK AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SILVEIRA, CARRIED 6-0 TO ADJOURN at 6:40 PM TO A REGULAR MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 20, 2023, AT 5:30 PM IN THE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM OF CITY HALL LOCATED AT 3200 E. TAHQUITZ CANYON WAY.

Respectfully submitted,



Jay Virata, Director
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