

**PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA
MEETING AGENDA**

**Thursday
January 4, 2024
5:30 PM**



**Palm Springs City Hall
3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon
Way
Large Conference Room**

Gary Armstrong, Chair Barrett Newkirk, Vice Chair Shawnda Thomas Faveau
Christopher Ramirez Melissa Shelton Tom Burns Carlos Silveira, Commissioners.
Jay Virata, Director

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A. CALL TO ORDER:

B. ROLL CALL:

C. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS: This time has been set aside for members of the public to address the Public Arts Commission on items of general interest within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission, and agenda items if the member of the public cannot be present later in the meeting at the time the item is heard by the Commission. Additionally, members of the public may address the Commission on

each item listed on the posted agenda at the time each item is heard. Although the Public Arts Commission values your comments, pursuant to the Brown Act, it generally cannot take any action on items not listed on the posted agenda. Three (3) minutes are assigned for each speaker.

E. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR:

F. REMARKS FROM THE VICE CHAIR:

G. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of the minutes from the meeting of December 20, 2023.

H. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL:

1. Discuss and Consider request from El Ranch Vista Estates for Gene Autry Trail Park Public Art
2. Selection of Palm Springs Airport Mural
3. Park Art Installation Update and Discussion (Victoria Park, JOJ Community Center)

I. PROJECT UPDATES

1. Art Collection Inventory
2. Red Dragon Dedication
3. Pillars of Palm Springs
4. Beautiful Shade
5. Asphalt Art Update
6. Wyatt Mural Subcommittee Update

J. REPORT FROM DIRECTOR/STAFF:

ADJOURNMENT: The Public Arts Commission will adjourn to a meeting on February 1, 2024, at 5:30 P.M. in the Large Conference Room of Palm Springs City Hall located at 3200 E. Tahqutiz Canyon Way.

Pursuant to G.C. Section 54957.5(b)(2) the designated office for inspection of records in connection with the meeting is the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way (760) 323-8204.

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AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I, JAY VIRATA, Community & Economic Development Director for the City of Palm Springs, California, certify this Agenda was posted at or before 5:00 p.m. on December 28, 2023, as required by established policies and procedures.

/s/ Jay Virata

Jay Virata, Director
Community & Economic
Development Department

Item G

PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA
December 20, 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 regular meeting of the Palm Springs Public Arts Commission was called to order by Chair Gary Armstrong on Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 5:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL:

Present: Commissioners Shawnda Thomas Faveau, Carlos Silveira, Christopher Ramirez, Tom Burns (joined via Zoom), Vice Chair Newkirk, and Chair Armstrong, Not present: Melissa Shelton.

City Staff: Jay Virata

C. PRESENTATIONS: El Rancho Vista Estates Gene Autry Trail Gateway Park

Janice Kleinschmidt, on behalf of El Rancho Vista Estates Neighborhood Organization, presented a proposal for public art in the park at the corner of Vista Chino and Gene Autry Trail. The art would turn the park, which was created with federal stimulus funds in 2009, into a sculpture garden. Kleinschmidt presented several concept photos of mid-century sculptures by artists from Oregon, Rancho Mirage, and Los Angeles. The Neighborhood Organization believes that a sculpture garden at that “gateway” highly visible location could become another Palm Springs attraction and tie in well with the modernism tours now offered in the area. Kleinschmidt urged the Commission to fund the addition of art sculptures, and it was agreed that the Commission would consider the proposal at the January 2024 meeting.

D. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER NEWKIRK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RAMIREZ, CARRIED 6-0 TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA.

E. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Public comments were made by John Williams of the Old Las Palmas Neighborhood Organization who thanked the commission for their support of the

Red Dragon artwork, invited all to the January 10 dedication, and expressed interest in it being part of a multi-sculpture installation.

F. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR:

G. REMARKS FROM THE VICE CHAIR:

Vice Chair Newkirk noted that he was on hand for the installation of a new piece across from the museum downtown recently and the piece got a lot of engagement from the public.

H. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes from the meeting of November 15, 2023.

MOTION TO APPROVE MADE BY COMMISSIONER SILVEIRA, SECOND BY VICE CHAIR NEWKIRK, CARRIED 6-0 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES.

I. PUBLIC HEARING

1. Consider Resolution No. 23-001 MUR “A RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN ART MURAL APPLICATION FOR “WHIMSICAL MID-CENTURY PALM SPRINGS” FROM CANYON FUND LLC BY FLAT BLACK ART SUPPLY LOCATED ON THE EAST (PARKING LOT FACING) ELEVATION OF THE PERIMETER WALL AT 310-320 NORTH PALM CANYON DRIVE (CASE 23-001 MUR)”

The commission reviewed the new drawing of the mural which incorporated the most recent changes suggested.

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER RAMIREZ, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER BURNS TO ACCEPT THE RESOLUTION, CARRIED 6-0 TO APPROVE.

J. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL:

1. Select new regular meeting day for the Public Arts Commission – As part of this discussion, the Chair mentioned that starting in January, all meetings will revert back to in-person attendance with very limited exceptions for remote attendance, such as when traveling. All remote participation would need to be in a public space, and would require posting a public announcement about the meeting, such as in a hotel lobby.

MOTION MADE BY VICE CHAIR NEWKIRK, SECOND BY COMMISSIONER RAMIREZ TO MOVE COMMISSION MEETINGS TO THE FIRST THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH, CARRIED 6-0 TO APPROVE.

2. Selection of the Palm Springs Airport Mural – Revisions of two concepts were reviewed. Concept A, the hand drawn concept, was preferred by the majority and in the end, it was decided to give both artists the opportunity to make revisions.
3. Crawler/Downtown Art Park Update – During the fabrication process done by the artist, it was discovered that we do not have engineering plans for the area where the art is to be installed. The engineering report would cost \$10,000 above the original estimate and is a requirement to move forward with the installation.

MOTION MADE BY COMMISSIONER SILVEIRA, SECOND BY VICE CHAIR NEWKIRK TO APPROVE \$10,000 FOR AN ENGINEERING REPORT FOR THE LOCATION WHERE CRAWLER WILL BE INSTALLED, SOUTHWEST CORNER OF MUSEUM WAY AND MUSEUM DRIVE, CARRIED 6-0 TO APPROVE.

4. Park Art Installation Update and Discussion (Victoria Park, JOJ Community Center) – As there was not enough time to cover this topic, Chair Armstrong suggested moving this item to the January meeting agenda.
5. Discussion of Municipal Codes for Public Arts – This information was shared by Director Virata over email and there were no questions from the commission.

K. PROJECT UPDATES:

1. Pillars of Palm Springs – Chair Armstrong shared that the winners were publicly announced. It was also reported that all the artists had now been paid 50% of their contract.
2. Beautiful Shade – Chair Armstrong shared that agreement was reached to do this as a joint project with the Sustainability Commission; Public Arts would take the lead. Also, that in January, he would be looking to set up a sub-commission.
3. Red Dragon Donation Ceremony – Chair Armstrong shared that the Major and Mayor Pro Tem will both attend the January 10 dedication ceremony.
4. Asphalt Art Update – Commissioner Silveira will email visual updates to everyone and bring them to the next meeting.
5. Wyatt Mural Subcommittee Update – Commissioners Ramirez and Faveau shared that they were still looking for a suitable solution.

L. REPORT FROM DIRECTOR/STAFF:

Director Virata shared that starting in January, commissioners will need to have and use a City of Palm Springs (palmspringsca.gov) email address for commission business.

ADJOURNMENT: The Public Arts Commission adjourned to a meeting on January 4, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Large Conference Room of Palm Springs City Hall located at 3200 E. Tahquitz Canyon Way.

MOTION BY CHAIR ARMSTRONG, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SILVEIRA, CARRIED 6-0 TO ADJOURN at 7:06 PM TO A REGULAR MEETING ON JANUARY 4, 2024, AT 5:30 PM IN THE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM OF CITY HALL LOCATED AT 3200 E. TAHQUITZ CANYON WAY.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ *Jay Virata*

Jay Virata, Director
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