

**Cultural Affairs Division
Economic & Workforce Development Department**



**Public Art Advisory Committee
(PAAC)
May 1, 2023
1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza
Hearing Room 3
Minutes**

Members Present: Charmin Roundtree-Baaqee (Co-Chair), Jennifer Kessler (Co-Chair), Katerina Leventi, Sarah Miller, Eric Murphy,
Absent: Michele Ramirez
Staff Present: Kristen Zaremba, Public Art Coordinator; Neha Balram, Cultural Affairs Commission Program Analyst; Roberto Bedoya, Cultural Affairs Manager

Guests:

Meeting Chair: Jennifer Kessler

*Indicates partial attendance

- 1. Welcome/ Roll Call / Meeting called to order at 5:38 p.m.**
- 2. Public Comment:** No comment was provided.
- 3. Informational Item: Introductions of New and Current Public Art Advisory Committee Members and Staff; Cultural Affairs Manager Division Introduction on Budget Process.**
Public Art Coordinator Kristen Zaremba introduce Sarah Miller and Katerina Leventi, the two most recent appointees to the PAAC. Existing committee members introduced themselves and welcomed the new members. Staff noted that they continue to work with the Mayor's office on new recruitments and thanked all the members for their contributions. Cultural Affairs Manager Roberto Bedoya reported that the Mayor's budget proposal has been released. Due to post-pandemic financial shortfalls the budget includes twenty percent cuts from all General Fund allocations, and hiring freezes for most departments. Additionally, the Mayor is proposing the merger of certain departments. Cultural Affairs, a Division of Economic and Workforce Development, is being proposed to merge with Planning and Building. Staff are hopeful that the proposed public art staff position will remain in the budget as the funding is not from the general fund. Cultural Affairs Commission staffer Neha Balram provided a brief overview of the Cultural Affairs Commission and invited committee members to attend the next meeting on May 22nd, 2023.
- 4. Action Item: Review and Approve District 1 City Councilmember Kalb Recommended Mural Design Proposal by Debra Koppman, for Studio Naga, located at 5850 San Pablo Avenue.**
Tabled.

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5. **Action Item: Review and Approve Tyrone Carney Park Memorial Selection Panel Recommendation – Artist Dana King.** Public Art Program Coordinator Kristen Zaremba presented the Tyrone Carney Park community-based selection panel’s recommendation to of Oakland artist Dana King for the Tyrone Carney Memorial and referred committee members to the staff report. While not a standard public art commission, King will be contracted as a consultant to the park designers to create a unique memorial bust of Carney. The final designs will be presented to the PAAC later in 2023. Committee members expressed support for the proposed improvements. **Motion: S. Miller moved to approve Dana King as the artist selected to create the Tyrone Carney Park memorial. E. Murphy seconded. K. Leventi Aye. J. Kessler Aye. C. Roundtree-Baaqee Aye. Motion passed unanimously.**
6. **Action Item: Review and Approve the Public Art for Private Development Proposal by artist Eric Powell for the Public Right of Way adjacent to 2121 Wood Street, a Holliday Development Public Art for Private Development Project.** K. Zaremba presented the Holliday Development/ Eric Powell public art proposal for the private development at 2121 Wood Street, half of which will reside on City property, thus requiring PAAC approval. Zaremba noted that the proposal was presented originally at the February 2023 meeting and was received positively, but without a quorum the PAAC was unable to vote. Committee members expressed support for the project and requested better details and site plans for any follow ups and future reviews. **Motion: J. Kessler moved to approve the public art project designed by Eric Powell and proposed for the private development at 2121 Wood Street. C. Roundtree-Baaqee seconded. E. Murphy Aye. S. Miller Aye. K. Leventi Aye. Motion passed unanimously.**
7. **Informational Item: Public Art Coordinator Updates on Current Projects / Program Activity- Tabled**
 - a. **Cultural Strategists in Government (CSIG) Public Art - Program Update**
 - b. **City Budget and CIP Project Planning: Parks and OakDOT**
 - c. **Public Art in Private Development Projects- Affordable Housing Initiatives**
 - d. **Artist-Community Initiated Projects: OakDOT Paint the Town plans, Council murals**
 - e. **General Public Art Program Updates: 2023 PAAC, Staff, Artist Recruitments, Newsletter**
8. **Open Forum:**
9. **Announcements:**
10. **Agenda Building:** PAAC appointments, CSIG updates, Budget, Artist recruitment
11. **Adjournment:** C. Roundtree-Baaqee moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:03. S. Miller seconded. Motion passed unanimously.