



DRAFT Minutes
City of Scotts Valley
ARTS COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
DATE: April 6, 2023

CITY OF SCOTTS VALLEY Recreation Division 361 Kings Village Road Scotts Valley, Ca 95060	MEETING LOCATION Scotts Valley City Council Chambers 1 Civic Center Dr Scotts Valley, CA 95066	POSTING: Parks & Recreation Office and www.scottsvally.org
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Call to order: 5:05

Roll Call:

Present: Commissioners Jestrabek-Hart, Mendenhall, Shada, Rathe and Rebhahn.
Commissioner Shada arrived after roll call.

Arts Commissioners

Barbara Mendenhall, Chair
Val Rebhahn, Vice-Chair
Jeanne Shada, Commissioner
Katharine Rathe, Commissioner
Jestrabek-Hart, Commissioner

City Staff Members

Ali Robinson, Recreation Division Manager
Chris Lamm, Public Works Director

Additions/Deletions to Regular Agenda: None.

Public Comment Time: None

Consent Agenda

Approval of minutes of March 2, 2023 regular meeting.

M/S: Rebhahn/Shada

Carried 3/0

Abstain Rathe, Jestrabek-Hart

Regular Agenda

1. Introduction of new Art Commissioners

The Arts Commission welcomed new members Bernie Jestrabek-Hart and Katharine Rathe.

2. Siltanen Pool Building Mural & Mural Policy Creation intro

RDM Robinson presented to the Commission what a mural policy could look like for Scotts Valley modeled after other cities.

Chair Mendenhall opened public comment.

Jack Dilles spoke in support and encouragement of more public art, theater and cultural elements in Scotts Valley.

Chair Mendenhall closed public comment.

Commissioners discussed development of a formal mural policy versus an overall public art policy.

M/S: Mendenhall/Shada

Motion to begin a Mural Policy creation process in 2023 and direct staff to return this summer with a draft policy, appropriate for the scale and scope of Scotts Valley, for the Arts Commission to develop.

Motion to approve a new mural installation at the newly reopened Siltanen Pool at the playground maintenance shed as recommended by Public Works staff.

Carried 5/0

Commissioner Shada, a founding member of the Arts Commission, supports a policy that encompasses both public and private property. She expressed the need for new construction to be required to include or pay a portion into an art fund. Shada stated historically the Commission has been told this is not an option.

Chair Mendenhall asked staff how a donation program or how could a fee be added to the new housing building process.

RDM Robinson explained that the City of Scotts Valley does not currently have a program. Other cities have programs such as Percent for Art or in-lieu building fees for public art.

J. Dilles explained the Planning housing approval process and how an art element might be included.

Chair Mendenhall asked staff if a new policy would apply to existing murals.

RDM Robinson stated the newly developed mural policy would apply to new murals only. Existing murals will be assessed once the Public Art Inventory is complete. The current murals can be examined for their condition and life expectancy as part of that process.

Chair Mendenhall asked J. Dilles about future housing and what the process would be to present a requirement for public art in new housing developments.

J. Dilles recommended the first step would be a joint presentation to City Council with the Planning Commission and Arts Commission.

Chair Mendenhall noted to staff that she would like to start the process of connecting with the Planning Commission for a joint ad hoc to explore an art requirement for new housing developments.

3. 2023 Poetry Contest Update –

Commissioner Shada proposed to the Commission to cancel the 2023 Poetry Contest and resume in

2024 given the unforeseen extraordinary winter and the recent resignation of Commission Melehan who has led the contest in years past.

Commissioners agreed to postpone and noted to start early next year for planning. The reading gala should be reserved for an April date, not May as it is too close to the end of the school year.

M/S: Mendenhall/Rebhahn

Motion to reschedule the Poetry Contest from 2023 to 2024.

Carried 5/0

Chair Mendenhall directed staff to notify the current year submissions and to cancel the date with the theater.

4. Announcements and Updates

RDM Robinson expressed that the two April Recreation workshops at the Performing Arts and Cultural Center were receiving low attendance.

Commissioner Rathe expressed her interest in providing social media content support for any cultural events.

Adjournment:

M/S: Mendenhall/Rebhahn

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:55 pm.

Carried 5/0