

**Final**  
**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MEETING**  
**Tuesday, July 9, 2020**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Adam Gillitt called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Chairperson Adam Gillitt, Vice Chairperson Liz Rush, Commissioners Mark Farrell and Sherman Lewis.

Absent: Commissioner Van Cleef (unexcused).

Lois Butler (PAC Secretary) and Amanda Gehrke present as staff to the Commission.

**3. MINUTES**

**3-A. 2020-8154 Review and Approve Draft Minutes PAC June 15, 2020**

Commissioner Farrell requested correction to minutes regarding item 5-A to include his request for clarification if the Alameda Haunt Your House applicant intended to use grant funds for cash prizes. Commissioner Farrell asserted this question remains unanswered. A motion to approve corrected minutes made by Commissioner Farrell and seconded by Vice Chairperson Rush. Ayes: Chairperson Gillitt, Vice Chairperson Rush, Commissioners Lewis and Farrell. Nays: none. The motion carried 4-0.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**5. REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS**

**5-A. 2020-8061 Recommendation to Review and Approve the “Haunt Your House” Application to the Public Art Small Grants Pilot Program**

- Staff Member Butler clarified that since a quorum had not be reached with the last vote on this item, a vote is needed at this meeting. Butler provided a brief review of the report and explained that the 15 public comments submitted pertaining to this agenda item were accessible for review via the links provided in the published meeting agenda.
- Butler welcomed comments and questions. Commissioner Farrell asked for clarification if any cash prizes were to be given. Staff Member Gehrke clarified that no cash prizes will be given according to an email statement submitted by the applicant.
- Gehrke read into record the first three minutes of Public Comment 11 that expressed the view that AHYH is community oriented and artistic in nature.
- Commissioners briefly discussed the recommendation.

- A motion to approve the “Haunt Your House” application to the Public Art Small Grants Pilot Program was made by Commissioner Farrell and seconded by Commissioner Lewis. Ayes: Chairperson Gillitt, Vice Chairperson Rush, Commissioners Lewis and Farrell. Nays: none. The motion carried 4-0.

**5-B. 2020-8155 Recommendation to Approve the Attached Resolution and Conditions Approving the “Beken” Public Art Proposal**

- Staff Member Gehrke presented the Beken Public Art Proposal for the Waterfront Park, including redesign of the base cell sizes in response to perceived safety concerns raised by both the Recreation and Park Commission and an inter-departmental design review team. Gehrke reviewed evaluation criteria, and stated that staff believe the piece to satisfy all criteria.
- Artist Dewitt Godfrey provided an introduction to the proposed “Beken” sculpture and explained his inspiration for the piece, including design modifications that have been made, and expressed his excitement to build at this site.
- Gehrke welcomed comments and Gehrke and Godfrey answered questions.
- Public Speaker Rachel Campos expressed her support for the design process and resulting piece, as it is eye-catching, has good scale for the location, and reflects historical aspects of the site.
- Commissioners, Godfrey, and Gehrke discussed visibility, proposed sculpture material, lighting, design elements and modifications, and location in relation to other public art pieces at Alameda Point.
- A motion to approve the “Beken” Public Art Proposal was made by Vice Chairperson Rush and seconded by Commissioner Lewis. Ayes: Chairperson Gillitt, Vice Chairperson Rush, Commissioners Lewis and Farrell. Nays: none. The motion carried 4-0.

**6. STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**7. WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

**8. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA**

- Chairperson Gillitt clarified that the City Council is discussing and taking action on police reform and the Black Lives Matter movement. Commissioners could join in support by participating in the police reform subcommittee meetings and efforts being put forth by City Council, Mayor

Ashcraft and Vice Mayor Knox-White. Commission agreed to table further discussion until City Council has taken action on this item.

- Commissioner Farrell requested that the public be made aware of the subcommittee application review process. Staff Member Butler offered to provide Public Art grants applications for future agenda items brought forward by subcommittee to the PAC.

## **9. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

## **10. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Gillitt adjourned the meeting at 6:56pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Butler  
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Secretary  
Public Art Commission