



**MINUTES
ART REVIEW BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2020**

This meeting was conducted utilizing the teleconferencing software Zoom and is consistent with the State of California Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020 regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Meerjans called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Meerjans
Vice Chairperson Deridder
Board Members Benton, Squires, and
Member Valdez (arrived at 3:17 p.m.)

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Luciana Torres, Management Analyst
Jennie Suen, Landscape Architect II
Mark Mennucci, Senior Landscape Architect
Roger Ravenstad, Parks Planning & Design Manager
Trish Cordova, Recording Clerk

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Board Member Squires** moved to approve minutes for the regular meeting of July 15, 2020 and **Board Member Benton** seconded. The motion carried by all Board Members present.

DISCLOSURES: None

**PUBLIC/
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** None

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

Item 1. **DUSTERBERRY NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PUBLIC ART** – To conduct and receive final artist presentations and make a first and second choice recommendation for the new public art at Dusterberry Neighborhood Park’s central plaza.

Management Analyst Luciana Torres introduced City staff and reviewed the process in which interviews are to be conducted.

Landscape Architect Jennie Suen gave a brief review of the project and provided the order of artists to be interviewed.

Chairperson Meerjans opened the public hearing.

The following three candidates were interviewed, and their art proposals were considered by the Board:

- 1) Adrian Susnea Litman for his proposal, "*Celestial Carousel*"
- 2) Gary Slater for his proposal, "*Eclipse*"
- 3) Joe Thurston for his proposal, "*Shadow of the Sun*"

Chairperson Meerjans closed the public hearing, as there was no one from the public requesting to speak.

Following discussion, **Board Member Squires** moved to recommend to the City Council Joe Thurston for his artwork titled "*Shadow of the Sun*," as their first choice; and Adrian Susnea Litman for his artwork titled "*Celestial Carousel*," as their second choice. **Vice Chairperson Deridder** seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously.

Board Member Squires encouraged staff to work with Mr. Thurston on the color scheme of his sculpture to enhance its aesthetics.

IT WAS MOVED (SQUIRES/DERIDDER) AND CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE (5-0-0-0) THE ART REVIEW BOARD – HELD PUBLIC HEARING;

AND

RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

APPROVE THE ARTWORK "*SHADOW OF THE SUN*" BY JOE THURSTON AS THE PUBLIC ART PIECE FOR THE DUSTERBERRY NEIGHBORHOOD PARK CENTRAL PLAZA;

AND

TO CONSIDER AS AN ALTERNATE SELECTION "*CELESTIAL CAROUSEL*," BY ADRIAN SUSNEA LITMAN FOR THE DUSTERBERRY NEIGHBORHOOD PARK CENTRAL PLAZA.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	0 – Benton, Deridder, Meerjans, Squires, Valdez
NOES:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	0

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Information from Board and Staff:

- Information from staff, as reported by **Management Analyst Luciana Torres**:
 - Updates regarding the *boxART!* Program were as follows:
 - Further fundraising and/or donations for the *boxART!* program are no longer being accepted, as the program has been paused for the current fiscal year.
 - Susan Longini, *boxART!* Program Manager, is currently wrapping up the final phase of the program for this fiscal year, in which a few boxes have already been completed and approximately 10 others will begin shortly. Ms. Longini is also facilitating the vinyl wrapping of four boxes in the Downtown area that will display historical images of Fremont. These boxes should be completed by the end of October.
 - Fremont resident, Ron Shore, is sponsoring a box at the corner of Walnut Avenue and Guardino Drive, near the California School for the Blind. The plan is to have artwork designed by Birva Nayak that is texturized and labeled with Braille for the visually impaired. The Board agreed to accept Birva's design.
 - The next regular meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2020. Ms. Torres will be presenting on the District Art Program for the four different art districts.
 - The Board's art recommendation of "*Community*" by Michael Clapper for the Urban Plaza project is scheduled to go before the City Council on September 15, 2020.
 - A call for artists for the Downtown Event Center will be launched on September 14, 2020.
- Information from Board: None
- Art Liaison Update – Christina Valdez: None
- Fremont Cultural Art Council Update: None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



Luciana Torres, Secretary
Art Review Board