



**MINUTES
ART REVIEW BOARD
REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 15, 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 3:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Meerjans
Vice Chairperson Deridder
Board Members Benton, Squires, and Valdez

ABSENT: None

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Board Member Valdez** moved to approve minutes for the special meeting of July 1, 2020 and **Board Member Squires** seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

DISCLOSURES: None

**PUBLIC/
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** None

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- Item 1. **DUSTERBERRY NEIGHBORHOOD PARK PUBLIC ART** – To receive a presentation with artwork submissions, provide feedback, and select multiple finalists for the new public art installation located within the main gathering plaza of the proposed Dusterberry Neighborhood Park, located at the intersection of Dusterberry Way and Peralta Boulevard, and to consider an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15303.

Management Analyst Luciana Torres introduced the item and City staff associated with the project.

Landscape Architect Jennie Suen began the presentation by giving a brief overview of the Dusterberry Neighborhood Park project, highlighting amenities of the park and identifying the site location for the selected art piece, near the main entrance off Dusterberry Way.

Parks Planning & Design Manager Roger Ravenstad added that the artwork was critical to the design of the park and spoke of the intention to highlight it as a centerpiece. He also shared feedback from the community on the type of artwork they would like to see for the site.

Landscape Architect Suen then spoke of the specifications for the art piece and the budget. She reported on the recent call for artists through CODAworx, a web-based art forum, which received 16 total submissions, though one was disqualified for not providing a proposal. The criteria for artist selection included: artwork scale, durability, ease of maintenance, lifespan, timelessness, subject matter, and innovative design. Staff selected the following four submissions to recommend to the Board:

- Adrian Susnea Litman for *Celestial Carousel*
- Gary Slater for a piece untitled
- Jessica Levine for *Caught Up*
- Joe Thurston for *Shadow of the Sun*

Landscape Architect Jennie Suen, Senior Landscape Architect Mark Mennucci, and Parks Planning & Design Manager Roger Ravenstad responded to questions from the Board and discussion ensued.

Board Member Benton motioned to proceed with interviewing three of the four recommended artists by City staff, with the exception of Jessica Levine. **Vice Chairperson Deridder** seconded, but requested that more precise detail be provided by Joe Thurston for his proposal *Shadow of the Sun* prior to interviews. The motion carried unanimously.

Landscape Architect Jennie Suen confirmed that she would ask all three artists to expand their proposals to add more details prior to scheduling their interviews.

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

AND

APPROVED THE FOLLOWING THREE ARTISTS TO BE INTERVIEWED AND THEIR PROPOSALS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR INSTALLATION AT DUSTERBERRY NEIGHBORHOOD PARK: 1) ADRIAN SUSNEA LITMAN

FOR *CELESTIAL CAROUSEL*, 2) GARY SLATER FOR AN UNTITLED PIECE, AND 3) JOE THURSTON FOR *SHADOW OF THE SUN*;

AND

CONSIDERED THE PROJECT EXCEPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PER CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15303.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: 5 – 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**:
 - The Board will recess in August and its next regular meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2020.
 - A special meeting of the Board is proposed for September 23, 2020 to accommodate artist interviews for the Dusterberry Neighborhood Park project.
 - The Board's recommendation of *Community* by Michael Clapper and *Blossom* by Ride Art for the Urban Plaza site will be presented to the Fremont City Council on September 15, 2020.
 - Ms. Torres shared with the City Attorney's office the Board's proposal to allow for public fundraising for the *boxART!* program and will apprise them on any further updates.

- Information from Board: None

- Art Liaison Update – Christina Valdez: None

- Fremont Cultural Art Council Update: None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



Luciana Torres, Secretary
Art Review Board