



**ACTION MINUTES**  
**Public Art Committee (PAC)**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**Public Art Committee Members:**

Taryn Walker	Chair
Ronald Davis	Vice Chair
Salma Arastu	Member
Michael Haggerty	Member
David Ridlehuber	Member
Erica Enriquez	Member
Vickie Jo Sowell	Member
Rick Tejada-Flores	Member
Judith Wetterer	Member

**Thursday, August 14, 2025**

**5:30 PM**

**Civic Center – Garden Level**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Taryn Walker at 5.43 p.m.

**2 Roll Call:**

Members Present: Taryn Walker, Salma Arastu, Vickie Jo Sowell, Ronald Davis (6:10 p.m.), Rick Tejada-Flores and Judith Wetterer

Members Absent: Erica Enriquez, Mike Haggerty, David Ridlehuber

Staff Present: Amber Evans, Kari Vadnais

Public Present:

**3 Public Comment**

None

**4 Approval of Minutes – July 10, 2025 Meeting Action Minutes**

Approval moved by Taryn Walker and seconded by Vickie Jo Sowell

Yea's: Taryn Walker, Salma Arastu, Vickie Jo Sowell, Rick Tejada-Flores, and Judith Wetterer

Nea's:

Abstention's:

Absent: Erica Enriquez, Mike Haggerty, David Ridlehuber, Ronald Davis

**5 Action Items**

**5.1 40th Streetscape Public Art Icon Considerations**

Staff presented Sija Chen's list of species to be considered for the wayfinding icon as well as elsewhere in the 40th Streetscape Public Art project for review. Taryn Walker moved and the motion was seconded by Ronald Davis for "The artists to consider two or three of the following pairings for the design development of the 40<sup>th</sup> Streetscape Public Art Icon:

- Ranked 1: Fennel and Willets and/or Godwits perhaps with optionally Swallow Tail
- Ranked 2: Humming bird and humming bird sage with optionally Swallow Tail
- Ranked 3: Feral cat and blackberry brambles

and rather than “standard ducks” the PAC recommends coots (*Fulica americana*) and no reptiles but the Western Fence Lizard (if any and if so sparingly) be represented in the project.

Yea’s: Taryn Walker, Salma Arastu, Vickie Jo Sowell, Ronald Davis, Rick Tejada-Flores, and Judith Wetterer

Nea’s:

Abstention’s:

Absent: Erica Enriquez, Mike Haggerty, David Ridlehuber

## 5.2 Donation of a RCCD Residency Work by Salma Arastu

Staff presented an image of a work resulting from Salma Arastu’s residency with the Rotten City Cultural District (RCCD) to be considered for acceptance as a donation of public art by the City. The PAC recommended to the City Council the acceptance of work from Salma Arastu’s RCCD residency program with the expectation that staff would work with the artist to identify an acceptable location and the City should allocate resources to support the installation.

Approval moved by Ronald Davis and seconded by Judith Wetterer

Yea’s: Taryn Walker, Vickie Jo Sowell, Ronald Davis, Rick Tejada-Flores, and Judith Wetterer

Nea’s:

Abstention’s: Salma Arastu

Absent: Erica Enriquez, Mike Haggerty, David Ridlehuber

## 5.3 Visual Art Grant 2026 Call & Budget

Staff noted the 2026 Visual Art Grant is expected to open on January 2, 2026. Staff requested the funding level recommended by the PAC consistent with prior funding. A motion for “A budget allocation of \$122,500 was recommended for the City Council’s adoption for allocation in the 2026 Visual Art Grant with the maximum grant limited to \$17,500 and the minimum \$3,000.”

Approval moved by Rick Tejada-Flores and seconded by Vickie Jo Sowell

Yea’s: Taryn Walker, Salma Arastu, Vickie Jo Sowell, Ronald Davis, Rick Tejada-Flores, and Judith Wetterer

Nea’s:

Abstention’s:

Absent: Erica Enriquez, Mike Haggerty, David Ridlehuber

## 6 Information Items

6.1 RCCD Sculptural Detail – the façade of the sculpture was presented – installation is expected before the end of October

6.2 Public Art Projects Monthly Update

## 7 Future Agenda Items

7.1 2025 Purchase Award

7.2 Ohlone Art Project

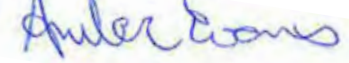
7.3 Social Media Strategy Update

**8 Announcements / Member Comments**

9 **Adjournment** – The meeting was adjourned at 7:28p.m.

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 AT 5:30 PM AT CITY HALL, 1333 PARK AVENUE, EMERYVILLE, CA 94608**

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