



# County of Santa Cruz

## PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES

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### ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

January 22, 2024, 4:30 p.m. – 979 17<sup>th</sup> Ave., Santa Cruz

- I. Called to order at 4:43 p.m. Present: Leahy, Niven, Phillips, Stabile, Kroslowitz, Singer, Miranda, Leclerc  
Absent/Excused: none Absent/Unexcused: Borges Vacant seats - 1  
Staff: Kathy DeWild
- II. Approved Agenda - Motion/Second: Stabile/Phillips  
AYES: 8  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 1
- III. Oral Communications – None
- VI. Approved Consent Agenda - Motion/Second: Kroslowitz/Singer  
AYES: 8  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 1
- V. & VI. Director & Staff reports  
Recovery Center “Call to Artists” is out to the public, with artists’ proposals due March 1. Spotlight Award and Artist of the Year nominations information has been published on the Parks website and will be promoted via social media. Sandra Cherk will show her pastel paintings at the Simpkins Swim Center/Parks Dept. office from Feb. 6 through May 2024.

### VII. Regular Agenda

#### A. Informational Items

1. Nick Calubaquib, Director of Parks and Community Services for the City of Watsonville, gave a presentation about the city’s public art program. The commission plans to form a subcommittee to explore how a similar program could be enacted in the County.
2. The Commission discussed youth and arts and plan to form a subcommittee at the March 4 meeting to further explore ways to bring arts programs to youth, especially underserved youth, and how youth can be involved in the commission.
3. Commissioners discussed how to fund a professionally conducted survey of the county art collection, as well as any recommended repair and restoration. A subcommittee will be formed at the next meeting of the Arts Commission to explore options and potential sources.

#### B. Action Items

1. Approved Earleen Overend as a recipient of the Eloise Pickard Smith Award, with the presentation to take place in 2025.  
Motion/Second: Stabile/Leahy  
AYES: 8  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 1

**VIII.** Next meeting date: March 4, 2024 – 4:30-6:00 PM. Agenda items may include:  
Public Art Committee – report back from subcommittee  
Youth and arts – form a subcommittee

**IX.** Adjournment – 6:07 PM  
Motion/Second: Stabile/Miranda  
AYES: 8  
NOES: 0  
ABSTAIN: 0  
ABSENT: 1