



CITY of ESCONDIDO

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MEETING

August 10, 2026 at 4:30 PM

MINUTES

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Chair Nathalie Martinez
Vice Chair Patricia Spann
Commissioner Carol Rogers
Commissioner Terri Ryan
Commissioner Jacqueline Kelleher
Commissioner Leila Sackfield
Commissioner Mimi Ovanessof

ORAL COMMUNICATION

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Review and Approve July 13, 2026 Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Sackfield

Seconded by Commissioner Kelleher

Approved 7-0

CURRENT BUSINESS

2. ESCONDIDO EXPRESSIONS TRAFFIC SIGNAL BOX PROGRAM: PREVIOUS PHASES

Request that the Public Art Commission provide direction for the Escondido Expressions updates on the Sikes Theme Traffic Signal Box and Grand Avenue Theme Traffic Signal Box.

Staff Recommendation: Provide Direction (Sandra Aguilar, Economic Development)

Presenter: Sandra Aguilar, Management Analyst, Economic Development

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Provide Direction



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Motion made by Commissioner Rogers for the Sykes box that we will not take the action at this time to fund that box

Seconded by Chair Martinez

Approved 7-0

Commission discussion regarding Grand Avenue Box

Motion by Chair Martinez to not put forward a call for artists at this time

Seconded by Commissioner Ryan

Approved 7-0

3. ESCONDIDO EXPRESSIONS TRAFFIC SIGNAL BOX PROGRAM: OLD ESCONDIDO

Request that the Public Art Commission approve a new design for the Escondido Expressions design at the traffic signal box located at 5th Avenue and Juniper Street.

Staff Recommendation: Approve (Sandra Aguilar, Economic Development)

Presenter: Sandra Aguilar, Management Analyst, Economic Development

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve

James Spann - Spoke in favor of keeping the box image

Motion by Commissioner Rogers to not de-commission traffic signal box

Seconded by Commissioner Ryan

Approved 7-0

4. 2027 ARTS, CULTURE, AND CREATIVITY MONTH

Request the Public Art Commission approve the 2027 Arts, Culture, and Creativity Grant Opportunity.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Sandra Aguilar, Management Analyst)

Presenter: Sandra Aguilar, Management Analyst



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RECOMMENDATION: Approve

Motion by Commissioner Sackfield to accept the recommendation of staff for \$85,000 for grants and \$15,000 and instead call it Outreach and Engagement

Seconded by Commissioner Kelleher

Approved 7-0

STAFF REPORTS

5. STAFF LIASION REPORT

Updates provided by Sandra Aguilar, Management Analyst and Nikolina Katanic, Economic Development Specialist

6. QUEEN CALIFIA'S MAGICAL CIRCLE REPORT

Update by Nikolina Katanic, Economic Development Specialist

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Sackfield - Attended the National Night Out and created a canvas with Commissioner Rogers noting a lot of multi generational participation from 2 to 82 years old; Center for the Arts had Chicano block party and print making workshop that are in museum; attended library opening; Hidden City Sounds this weekend; Commissioner Rogers won Change Maker at the North County Arts Awards

Commissioners Roges - Attended the North County Arts Awards and two Public Art Commission funded projects won awards: Hot Glass, Cold Beer - Best Art Culture and Creativity; The Creek Trail - Best Visual Arts

Commissioner Ryan - Shared Escondido magazine and will bring copies to next meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 5:32 p.m.

Signed by:

Nathalie Martinez

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CHAIR

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Jack Beck

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