



CITY of ESCONDIDO

PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MEETING

March 09, 2026 at 4:30 PM

MINUTES

4:35 p.m. called to order

FLAG SALUTE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

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

ORAL COMMUNICATION

Adrian Stewart - Spoke about the Artwalk on the Second Saturday of each month

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Review and Approve January 26, 2026 Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Sackfield

Seconded by Vice Chair Spann

Approved 6-0

GRAND AVENUE ROUNDABOUT ART PROJECT

2. GRAND AVENUE ROUNDABOUT ART PROJECT: PROCESS REVIEW AND NEXT STEPS

Request the Public Art Commission to receive and file.

Staff Recommendation: Receive and File (Economic Development: Sandra Aguilar)

Presenter: Sandra Aguilar, Management Analyst

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Receive and File



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James Stone - Spoke in favor of including local artists

Damon Blackman - Spoke in favor of including local artists

Duffy Healey - Spoke in favor of including local artists and in favor of splitting the 500K between multiple projects

Melissa Walker - Did not speak and wanted position registered in favor of local artists

Donna Cosentino - Did not speak and wanted position registered in favor of local artists

Jill Ferguson - Did not speak and wanted position registered in favor of local artists

Ryan Ferguson - Did not speak and wanted position registered in favor of local artists

PROCUREMENT POLICY

3. LOCAL ARTIST PREFERENCE

Request the Public Art Commission provide direction regarding a local artist preference and the Grand Avenue Roundabout Art Project next steps.

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

Presenter: Sandra Aguilar, Management Analyst

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Provide Direction

Chair Rogers recused herself from this item

Motion by Commissioner Sackfield to investigate and have staff move forward with creating a local artist preference policy

Motion died for lack of second

Motion by Commissioner Kelleher to continue with the Grand Avenue Roundabout project and not to pause or re-route the project

Second by Commissioner Ryan

Approved 4-0 (Sackfield - Abstaining)



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ESCONDIDO EXPRESSIONS

4. ESCONDIDO EXPRESSIONS PHASE 4.1

Request the Public Art Commission approve the artists submissions for 14 locations in Phase 4.1, as recommended by the Escondido Expressions Subcommittee.

Staff Recommendation: Approval (Economic Development: Sandra Aguilar)

Presenters: Sandra Aguilar, Management Analyst and Nikolina Katanic, Economic Development Specialist

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve 14 artist submissions and locations.

Motion by Rogers to approve all other murals without Dr. Bronners (number 7), and with the condition of removing 'Sees' from (11) and remove 'Bronner's' from Item (10)

Second by Sackfield

Approved 6-0

EUHSD STUDENT MURALS

5. EUHSD STUDENT MURALS SUMMER 2026

Request approval of the top two submissions for the Escondido Union High School District Student Murals program to be installed at the Park Avenue Community Center, as recommended by the Grants Subcommittee.

Staff Recommendation: Approve (Economic Development: Sandra Aguilar)

Presenter: Sandra Aguilar, Management Analyst

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approve the top two student mural submissions.

Motion made by Commissioner Sackfield

Seconded by Chair Rogers

Approved 6-0



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PUBLIC ART ANNUAL WORK PLAN

6. 2026/2027 PUBLIC ART ANNUAL WORK PLAN

Request the Public Art Commission provide direction to staff on the projects to be included in the 2026/2027 Public Art Annual Work Plan.

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

Presenter: Sandra Aguilar, Management Analyst

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Provide Direction.

COMMUNITY REQUEST GRANTS

7. SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INDIGENOUS ARTS AND CULTURE FESTIVAL

Request approval of \$2,500 in funding for a bird singers group to perform at the Southern California Indigenous Culture and Arts Festival, as recommended by the Grants Subcommittee.

Staff Recommendation: Approve (Economic Development: Sandra Aguilar)

Presenter: Sandra Aguilar, Management Analyst

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Request approval of \$2,500 in funding for a bird singers group to perform at the Southern California Indigenous Culture and Arts Festival, as recommended by the Grants Subcommittee.

Motion made by Commissioner Sackfield

Seconded by Commissioner Kelleher

Approved 6-0

LIASION REPORTS

8. Staff Liaison Report

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

9. Queen Califia Report



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PUBLIC ART EXPERIENCES

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

Signed by:

Carol Rogers

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CHAIR

Signed by:

Sarena Garcia

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