



# CITY of ESCONDIDO

## PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MEETING

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May 12, 2025 at 4:30 PM

### MINUTES

#### FLAG SALUTE

#### ROLL CALL

#### PRESENT

Commissioner Juan Vargas  
Commissioner Terri Ryan  
Vice Chair Patricia Spann  
Commissioner Nathalie Martinez  
Commissioner Heidi Paul  
Chair Carol Rogers  
Commissioner Jacqueline Kelleher

#### ORAL COMMUNICATION

None

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Review and Approve March 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Commissioner Vargas

Seconded by Vice Chair Spann

Approved 7-0

#### PRESENTATION

2. **SUBJECT: JOHN PAUL THE GREAT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY PRIVATE MURAL**

Request that the Public Art Commission review and provide feedback on the private mural project by John Paul the Great Catholic University.

Staff Recommendation: Review and provide feedback whether the project meets the vision values, and goals of the Public Art Strategic Plan (Development Services Department: Alex Rangel, Assistant Planner II).

Presenter: Kevin Meziere, John Paul the Great Catholic University



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### NEW BUSINESS

#### 3. **SUBJECT: THRESHOLD FIVE SCULPTURE**

Request that the Public Art Commission accept the Threshold Five Sculpture into the City's Public Art Collection.

Staff Recommendation: Approve (Community Services: Robert Rhoades, Assistant Director of Community Services)

Presenter: Robert Rhoades, Assistant Director of Community Services

Motion made by Chair Rogers

Seconded by Commissioner Kelleher

Approved 7-0

#### 4. **SUBJECT: ESCONDIDO EXPRESSIONS TRAFFIC SIGNAL BOX PROGRAM**

Request the Public Art Commission approve the artist submission for one location as recommended by the Escondido Expressions Subcommittee.

Staff Recommendation: Approve (Community Services: Robert Rhoades, Assistant Director of Community Services)

Presenter: Sandra Aguilar, Management Analyst

Motion made by Commissioner Vargas

Seconded by Chair Rogers

Approved 6-1 (Spann - No)

#### 5. **SUBJECT: GRAND AVENUE ART PROJECT ROUNDABOUT**

Request the Public Art Commission approve the selection of five artists and provide feedback for the Grand Avenue Roundabout Art Project Request for Proposals process.

Staff Recommendation: Provide Direction and Approve (Community Services: Robert Rhoades)

Presenter: Robert Rhoades, Assistant Director of Community Services and Sandra Aguilar, Management Analyst, Economic Development

Item pulled and will be brought back at a later date



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### **6. SUBJECT: 2025/2026 ANNUAL WORK PLAN UPDATE**

Request that the Public Art Commission approve and adopt the 2025/2026 Annual Work Plan as recommended by the Subcommittee.

Staff Recommendation: Approve (Community Services: Robert Rhoades, Assistant Director of Community Services)

Presenter: Robert Rhoades, assistant Director of Community Services

Motion by Commissioner Vargas Juan to increase EUHSD student murals to 25K

Seconded by Commissioner Kelleher

Approved 4-3 (Rogers, Paul, Spann – No)

Motion by Chair Rogers to approve and transfer the 25K from the Reserve Fund to student murals

Seconded by Commissioner Vargas

Approved 7-0

### **STAFF LIAISON REPORT**

#### **7. Queen Califia Report**

Update by Robert Rhoades, Assistant Director of Community Services

#### **8. Liaison Report**

Update by Robert Rhoades, Assistant Director of Community Services

### **PUBLIC ART EXPERIENCES**

Chair Rogers asked for feedback on festival

Commissioner Kelleher – Loved the Indigenous art festival

Commissioner Martinez – Could not attend; heard positive things about the glass blowing demonstration

Commissioner Vargas – Could not attend, but expressed festival provided amazing opportunities

Vice Chair Spann – Could not attend, but heard positive feedback



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Commissioner Paul - Watched glass blowing and was surrounded by Spanish artists from Glass Village, Photographer's Eye and led the bluegrass flash jam

Commissioner Ryan – Spoke about an Indigenous festival artist

Commissioner Vargas – Expressed this was his last meeting, served past (5) years and knows commission will continue to do great work and thank you to staff and fellow commissioners

### ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Signed by:

*Carol Rogers*

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CHAIR

Signed by:

*Sarena Garcia*

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