

**CITY OF SAN LEANDRO  
ARTS COMMISSION  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.  
CITY HALL, SISTER CITIES GALLERY ROOM**

**MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m.

**PRESENT**

Vice-Chair Gonchar, Commissioners Cassidy, Edwards, Gonchar, Herrera, Ott-Davis, Wong, and Secretary Dong

**ABSENT**

Chair Pershing  
District 1 – VACANT  
District 3 – VACANT

**GUEST**

Gail Goldman, Art Consultant

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2016**

MSC (Cassidy/Wong) to approve the agenda as submitted. (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Vacant)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 13, 2016**

MSC (Wong/Cassidy) to approve the minutes. (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Vacant)

**GUEST PRESENTATION**

A. Public Art Master Plan stakeholder discussion led by Gail Goldman, Consultant.

- Ms. Goldman, consultant for the Public Art Master Plan was introduced to the Commission. Gail gave an overview of her background and experience in public art.
- Ms. Goldman presented to the Commission various examples of public art across the country to stimulate commission dialogue. She emphasized that the role of public art is to create a beautiful and engaging community.
- Ms. Goldman facilitated a conversation amongst the commissioners regarding priorities, critical issues and points of focus in the formation of the Public Art Master Plan.
- Commissioner Wong suggested the Public Art Master Plan should include performing arts and opportunities for youth. He also noted the importance of maintenance.
- Commissioner Cassidy pointed out that there is no dedicated funding for public art and asked Ms. Goldman to include options for funding in her recommendations. He would like to further explore implementation of an ordinance with a dedicated percent to the arts. Commissioner Cassidy is also interested in pursuing a performing art component and prioritizes activities for youth.
- Commissioner Ott-Davis suggested possible sites for potential murals and Commissioner Edwards echoed the interest in murals, especially those done by young artists.
- Vice Chair Gonchar suggested activating vacant store fronts.
- Various commissioners commented on combining art into park space.
- A discussion of diversity, culture, values and San Leandro history ensued.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

A member of the public commented that the Exploratorium installation was difficult to get music from. She also suggested that state funding be explored as a potential funding source for public art.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**ORAL REPORT OF SECRETARY**

A. Secretary Dong reported that the *Truth is Beauty* installation will have its lighting ceremony on October 18, 2016.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**REPORT OF CHAIR**

**COMMISSION COMMENTS**

- Commissioner Cassidy encouraged everyone to support Measure J1.

**ADJOURNMENT**

MSC (Cassidy/Edwards) to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 p.m. (7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 2 Vacant)

Respectfully submitted,

Breyana Brandt, Secretary