



County of Santa Cruz

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, OPEN SPACE & CULTURAL SERVICES

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ARTS COMMISSION – AGENDA

Monday, September 14, 2026
4:30 p.m.
Regular Meeting

Live Oak Library Annex/Activity Room
979 17TH Avenue
Santa Cruz, CA 95062

- I. **CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**
- II. **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS OR APPROVAL**
- III. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:** Any person may address the Commission during its Oral Communication period. Speakers must not exceed two (2) minutes in length, or the time limit established by the Chair, and individuals may speak only once during Oral Communications. All Oral Communication must be directed to an item listed on today's Consent Agenda, yet to be heard on Regular Agenda, or a topic not on the agenda that is within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Commission members will not take actions or respond immediately to any Oral communication presented regarding topics not on the agenda but may choose to follow up later, either individually or on a subsequent Commission Agenda. Oral communications will normally be received by the Commission for a period not to exceed thirty (30) minutes. If, at the end of this period, additional persons wish to address the Commission, the Oral Communication period may be continued to the last item on the agenda.
- IV. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 - a. Approve meeting minutes from July 6, 2026 Page 2
- V. **STAFF REPORTS**
- VI. **REGULAR AGENDA**
 - A. **Information/Discussion Items**
 1. Commissioner reports on meetings with their appointing Supervisors
 2. Art & Design Guidelines – next steps
 - B. **Action Items**
 1. Appoint commissioner to serve on the Government Center Exhibits Panel
 2. Rail Trail artist selection process
- VII. **AGENDA / MEETING FOR: November 16, 2026 – 3:00 PM**
- VIII. **ADJOURNMENT**



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ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES July 6, 2026 – 4:30 p.m. – 979 17th Ave., Santa Cruz

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- I. Called to order: 4:36 p.m. Present: Niven, Phillips, Kroslowitz, Miranda, Leclerc, Leidenthal, Rogers
Absent / Excused: McGowen, Gonzalez Vacant seats: 1
Staff: Sarah Shea, Kathy DeWild
- II. Approved Agenda - Motion/Second: Kroslowitz/Phillips
AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2
- III. Oral Communications – None
- VI. Approved Consent Agenda - Motion/Second: Miranda/Rogers
AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2
- V. Staff reports
- VI. **Regular Agenda**
 - A. **Information and Discussion Items**
 1. The recently appointed Arts Commissioner, Robin Leidenthal, was introduced.
 2. Commissioners discussed potential next steps for the updated Public Art & Design Guidelines.
 3. Chair Niven updated the commission on 2026/2027 County funding decisions for the Arts Council and Museum of Art & History.
 - B. **Action Items**
 1. Approved and recommend to Board of Supervisors the draft Percent for Public Art in Private Development Program and Design Guidelines
Motion/Second: Rogers/Miranda
AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2
- VII. Next meeting date: September 14, 2026 – 4:30 PM.
- VIII. Adjournment – 5:40 p.m.
Motion/Second: Miranda/Kroslowitz
AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2