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ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

March 2, 2026 – 4:30 p.m. – 979 17th Ave., Santa Cruz

- I. Called to order: 4:42 p.m. Present: Niven*, Phillips, Kroslowitz, McGowen, Miranda, Leclerc, Rogers, Gonzalez*
Absent / Excused: none Vacant seats: 2 (*arrived late)
Staff: Sarah Shea, Kathy DeWild

II. Approved Agenda - Motion/Second: Phillips/Rogers

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1

III. Oral Communications – None

VI. Approved Consent Agenda - Motion/Second: Kroslowitz/McGowen

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 1

V. Staff report

Bruce Harman's proposal for the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing was approved by the Board of Supervisors on Dec. 9. The Pace Trails public art panel voted to recommend Wyatt Hersey as the public artist for the project – your commission will be considering their recommendation later in the agenda. County Government Center Exhibition – 701 Ocean St., 1st & 5th floors through Feb 27: Martina Goulart, Painting; Margaret Michel, Mixed Media Sculpture; Ann Baldwin May, Textiles; Jessica Woods, Painting; Kara Capaldo; Photography. Sandra Cherk is showing her pastel paintings at the South County Government Center through May 22 in the lobby of the Santa Cruz Agricultural Commissioner/Tax Collector/County Clerk offices. Winging It: Birds of Live Oak at the Simpkins Family Swim Center/Live Oak Library Annex through May 22. .

VI. Regular Agenda

A. Information and Discussion Items

1. Commissioners Stabile and Singer have resigned. Jessica Montiel Gonzalez has been appointed to the Commission for District 4.
2. Percent for Arts in Private Development – subcommittee members reported on their progress towards a draft program.

B. Action Items

1. Approved the panel's recommendation of public artist for the Pace Trail project – Wyatt Hersey
Motion/Second: Kroslowitz/McGowen
AYES: 8
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 0

2. Approved the final draft criteria and application process for the Legacy Award

Motion/Second: Rogers/Kroslowitz

AYES: 8

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

3. Approved the Arts Advisory Panel recommendation and recommend the Board of Supervisors accept the Women of the Waves sculpture into the County Art Collection

Motion/Second: Miranda/Kroslowitz

AYES: 8

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0

VII. Next meeting date: May 4, 2026 – 4:30 PM.

VIII. Adjournment – 5:40 p.m.

Motion/Second: Kroslowitz/McGowen

AYES: 8

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 0