



County of Santa Cruz

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ARTS COMMISSION MINUTES

September 8, 2025, 4:30 p.m. – 979 17th Ave., Santa Cruz

- I. Called to order at 4:33 p.m. Present: Niven, Phillips, Singer, Kroslowitz, Stabile, Rogers, McGowen
Absent / Excused: Miranda, Leclerc Vacant seats: 1
Staff: Sarah Shea, Kathy DeWild

II. Approved Agenda - Motion/Second: Stabile/Singer

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2

III. Oral Communications – None

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

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2

V. Staff reports

La Neta's proposal and agreement for the Juvenile Hall public art project goes to the Board of Supervisors for their consideration on Sept. 30. The Spotlight Awards exhibition is up through mid-October on the 5th floor of the County Gov. Ctr. Justin Francavilla completed installation of the public artwork at Floral Park. Bruce Harman will be installing a mural on the sobering center building exterior end of this month. The Surf Live Oak pop-up gallery is now on view at the Swim Ctr. and LOLA, through Jan. 2026. The exhibition highlights the area's unique surf culture. Proposals for the BHBH are due Sept. 12. The Gail Rich Photos donation, as recommended by the AAP and the AC, goes to the BOS for their consideration on 9/30

Santa Cruz County Parks is offering free programs such as Mobile Rec. and Swim Days; the Department is doing a social media push, highlighting these programs. The annual Parks & Rex event was recently held at the Swim Ctr.; there was a great turnout for this successful and popular event. A new parking lot and other improvements can now be enjoyed by visitors to the Miller Property.

VI. Regular Agenda

A. Information and Discussion Items

1. Chamber Arts Award Category – subcommittee member, Commissioner Rogers, reported that the recent meeting with the Chamber Exec. Dir. went well and they are excited about adding an arts category to the annual awards program. The subcommittee has completed their charge and is now disbanded.

B. Action Items

1. Appointed Commissioners McGowen and Stabile to serve on the Behavioral Health Bridge Housing Public Art Panel

Motion/Second: Phillips/Kroslowitz

AYES: 7
NOES: 0
ABSTAIN: 0
ABSENT: 2

2. Appointed Commissioner Rogers to serve on the Government Center Exhibits Panel

Motion/Second: Kroslowitz/McGowen

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2

3. Appointed Commissioners McGowen, Miranda, Niven, Kroslowitz, and Singer to serve on the Percent for Art in Private Development Subcommittee.

Motion/Second: Stabile/Phillips

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2

4. Appointed Commissioners Rogers and Leclerc to provide advisory support to the Santa Cruz County Chamber of Commerce in the establishment of an Arts Award category

Motion/Second: Phillips/Singer

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2

5. Approved final edits to updated Public Art & Design Guidelines, and voted to recommend the County Board of Supervisors approve the draft updated Public Art & Design Guidelines

Motion/Second: Kroslowitz/Singer

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2

VII. Next meeting date: Special Meeting, October 6, 2025 – 4:30 PM.

VIII. Adjournment – 6:03 PM

Motion/Second: Kroslowitz/Phillips

AYES: 7

NOES: 0

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2