


**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
OF THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
CONVENED THIS 24th DAY OF MARCH 2021 6:30 P.M.
CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS
1414 MISSION STREET**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL	<p>The special meeting of the Public Art Commission (Commission) was convened at 6:32 P.M.</p> <p>Commissioners present: Annalee Andres, Jeffrey Burke, Steven Wong, Kris Kuramitsu (Vice-Chair), Phung Huynh (Chair)</p> <p>Council Liaison: Michael Cacciotti</p> <p>Staff present: Kanika Kith, Planning Manager, Malinda Lim, Associate Planner, Andrew Jared, Assistant City Attorney</p>
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	<p>The Commission requested that the Anti-Bias Club Presentation be moved before public comments. Unanimously approved (5 ayes, 0 noes)</p>
PRESENTATION	
<p>1. ANTI-BIAS CLUB PRESENTATION</p>	<p>The South Pasadena High School Anti-Bias Club provided a presentation regarding the selected artist (Zach Brown) and design for the Black Lives Mural project. Mr. Brown provided an example of what the mural would like painted and a visual simulation of the mural on the wall. The Commission praised the Club's efforts and the mural design. Commissioner Burke requested to see the webpage that would be created for the mural prior to making recommendation to the City Council. Commissioner Wong expressed seeing acknowledgements on the mural as well as the webpage. Commissioner Andres inquired about alternative locations that were considered. Vice-Chair Kuramitsu commented that it would be good to have additional community engagement during the process to make the mural for more community buy in. Commissioner Wong stated that he would like to see a South Pasadena Police Department painting day for the mural and suggested that a graffiti protective coating be added and included in the maintenance plan. Commissioner Burke commented that Mr. Brown should retain the copyright of the mural and requested that any agreement between the artist and the City be passed through the Commission first. Planning Manager Kith clarified that the item was not an action item and would need to be brought back to the Commission for approval at the next meeting.</p> <p>Commissioner Burke commented that a future mural could depict diversity, inclusion and anti-hate in light of the recent violence in Florida. Chair Huynh requested that a diversity equity inclusion framework be brought back to the Commission for discussion.</p>

COMMUNICATIONS	
PUBLIC COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS (ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA)	Andrew Bernstein provided a prerecorded presentation regarding the Kobe Bryant mural by Jonas Never that he commissioned for 1020 Mission Street. Commissioner Burke clarified that he had suggested that Mr. Bernstein provide a presentation of the mural as it is outside of the purview of the Commission. Commissioner Wong questioned whether art on private property that is visible from the public should be added to the purview of the Commission in the future.
2. CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMENTS	Council Liaison Cacciotti shared that there is a new grant opportunity through the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy for Monarch butterfly conservation projects; the NREC voted not to remove trees from the parkway, discussed upcoming earth day events, and considered a ban on gas powered leaf blowers; extended an invitation to the Commissioners to attend a tour of the Gold Line extension to view the artwork at each station; meeting with residents regarding possible projects in the Edison right-of-way; and email from a resident regarding parklets on Mission Street.
3. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS	None.
4. STAFF LIAISON COMMENTS	Planning Manager Kith shared that there is a survey on the Planning webpage regarding Accessory Dwelling Units.
ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS	
5. ARTIST RIGHTS - CALIFORNIA ART PRESERVATION ACT	Commissioner Burke provided some background regarding the Artist Friendly City, best practices, and the issues with copyrights from the California Art Preservation Act. Assistant City Attorney Jared provided a general overview of his review of the documents that were provided. Commissioner Burke asked if the City Attorney's office could provide guidance on the best practices document as a framework for adoption by the City Council as an Artist Friendly City. Assistant City Attorney Jared stated that the language is too ambiguous and would not be implementable. Chair Huynh stated her support for the best practices and suggested that it could serve as a framework for future projects and contracts. Assistant City Attorney Jared clarified that Commissions would not review the contracts. Commissioner Burke stated that the best practices could be used by the City as guiding principles for agreements. Chair Huynh made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Wong, to continue the item to the next meeting to provide the City Attorney with time to identify any issues with the proposed best practices (5 ayes, 0 noes).
6. CITY'S CABLE CHANNEL AD HOC COMMITTEE	Chair Huynh asked if there were any commissioners interested in joining Commissioner Burke on the Ad Hoc Committee. Planning

	<p>Manager Kith clarified that the City currently utilizes YouTube to stream recorded public meetings and are not broadcasted on the cable channel at the moment. Commissioner Burke suggested to have the item continued to the next meeting for staff to provide an update on the status of the cable channels.</p>
<p>7. INCORPORATION OF PUBLIC ARTS IN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT REVIEW</p>	<p>Planning Manager Kith stated that the Public Art Program does not require applicants to present to the Commission until after they received approval from the Design Review Board and asked if the Commission would like to consider more collaboration with the Design Review Board. The Commission agreed that greater collaboration is preferable. Planning Manager Kith stated that she would share this with the Design Review Board and the item would be brought back to the Commission for further discussion.</p>
<p>CONSENT ITEMS</p>	
<p>8. MARCH 8, 2021 MEETING MINUTES</p>	<p>Commissioner Burke moved to approve the minutes and Chair Huynh seconded the motion. Unanimously approved (5 ayes, 0 noes)</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT</p>	<p>By consensus, the Commission adjourned the meeting at 6:26 P.M.</p>

Approved By:



 Phung Huynh
 Chair