



**MINUTES
ART REVIEW BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 26, 2020**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Meerjans called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairperson Meerjans
Vice Chairperson Deridder (arrived at 3:25PM)
Board Members Benton, Squires, and Valdez (arrived at 3:30PM)

ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Luciana Torres, Management Analyst
David Wage, Senior Planner

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: **Board Member Benton** moved to approve minutes for the special meeting of January 29, 2020 and **Board Member Squires** seconded. Motion carried unanimously by those present.

DISCLOSURES: None

CONSENT CALENDAR None

**PUBLIC/
ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** None

PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS

- Item 1. **PUBLIC ART FOR FAIRFIELD RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT INSPIRATION PLAZA SITE IN WARM SPRINGS INNOVATION DISTRICT**
– To interview selected artists for the design, fabrication, and installation of new artwork for Inspiration Plaza, determine a first and second choice, and make a recommendation to the Fremont City Council for approval; and to consider an exemption from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), General Rule, which states that, where it can be seen with certainty that the activity will not have a significant effect on the environment, that activity is not subject to CEQA.

Management Analyst Luciana Torres introduced the item and reviewed the “housekeeping rules” on how interviews will be conducted:

- Each artist will be interviewed for 20 minutes.
- Answers to specific questions will be examined.
- After concluding all interviews, the Board will vote to select their first and second choice of artists and their proposed art concept.

Chairperson Meerjans opened the public hearing.

The Board interviewed five finalists that were determined at the January 29, 2020 meeting. Interviews were conducted between 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Three artists were interviewed in person and two participated remotely via Skype.

Chairperson Meerjans closed the public hearing.

Following a lengthy discussion, **Board Member Valdez** moved to recommend to the City Council the following two submissions as their first and second choice for Inspiration Plaza in the Warm Springs Innovation District:

1. Amie Jacobsen and her proposed art concept of “*Flame of Inspiration;*”
and
2. Patrick Marold and his proposed art concept of “*Chromatic Passageway.*”

Board Member Squires seconded the motion.

These conceptual pieces were chosen because of their use of color, height, and the professionalism of the artists.

IT WAS MOVED (VALDEZ/SQUIRES) AND CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE (5-0-0) THE ART REVIEW BOARD – HELD PUBLIC HEARING;

AND

RECOMMENDED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL:

FIND THAT THE PROJECT IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) PER CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15061(B)(3), GENERAL RULE, WHICH STATES THAT, WHERE IT CAN BE SEEN WITH CERTAINTY THAT THE ACTIVITY WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, THAT ACTIVITY IS NOT SUBJECT TO CEQA;

AND

CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING TWO FINALISTS AND THEIR PROPOSED ART CONCEPTS, AS RANKED IN ORDER AS INDICATED BELOW, FOR THE PUBLIC ARTWORK INSTALLATION PROJECT FOR THE FAIRFIELD

RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT INSPIRATION PLAZA SITE, IN THE WARM SPRINGS INNOVATION DISTRICT:

- (1) AMIE JACOBSEN FOR “*FLAME OF INSPIRATION;*”
- AND
- (2) PATRICK MAROLD FOR “*CHROMATIC PASSAGEWAY.*”

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES:	5 – Benton, Deridder, Meerjans, Squires, Valdez
NOES:	0
ABSTAIN:	0
ABSENT:	0

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Information from Board and Staff:

- Information from Staff, as reported by Management Analyst Luciana Torres:
 - Ms. Torres will be presenting the *Art in Public Places Policy* to the City Council on March 3, 2020 and providing an update on art installation projects that will be coming before the City Council in the near future for approval.
 - A call for artists for the Metro Crossing Urban Plaza project closed on Monday, March 2, 2020. The next step is to review all submissions.
 - Lastly, a call for artists for the Temporary Housing Navigation Center will be going live the first week in March 2020.
- Information from Board: None
- Art Liaison Update – Christina Valdez: None

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVED BY:



Luciana Torres, Secretary
Art Review Board