



# **MINUTES**

## **PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING**

**April 17, 2025**  
**Irvine Fine Arts Center**  
14321 Yale Avenue  
Irvine, CA 92604

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the Public Arts Committee was called to order at 3:05 p.m. on April 17, 2025, at the Irvine Fines Arts Center, 14321 Yale Avenue, Irvine, California; Chair Maeda presiding.

### **ROLL CALL**

Present: 5	Committee Member	Matthew Hustad
	Committee Member	Beverly Jacobs
	Committee Member	Mimi Falcone
	Committee Member	Vacant
	Vice Chair	Katie Adams Farrell
	Chair	Kirsten Maeda*
		*Arrived at 3:35 p.m.

Absent: 1	Committee Member	Paul Abbaszadeh
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### **PARTICIPATION IN BOARD MEETING**

Recording Secretary, Laura Murphy, provided instructions on how to participate in the meeting virtually.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Vice Chair Adams Farrell led the pledge of allegiance.

### **SCOPING SESSION**

#### **1. PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE WORKPLAN**

Vice Chair Adams Farrell led the discussion in reviewing the initial outline of a work plan and discussed the areas that could be divided among committee members and community volunteers.

Discussion ensued among the committee members with division of the work plan including:

- Committee Member Jacobs, Vice Chair Adams Farrell, and Chair Maeda will engage the community to discuss community driven public art at libraries, community and neighborhood parks.
- Committee Member Hustad and Committee Member Falcone will research other cities and counties for examples of grand scale, large public art functions to be included at the Great Park and Civic Center.
- Committee Member Jacobs, Vice Chair Adams Farrell, and Chair Maeda will research partnerships, sponsorships, and collaborations.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS – NON-AGENDIZED ITEMS**

Jutta Gamboa, Irvine resident, spoke in request to survey artists living and working in Irvine and asked how we can reach out and find those artists.

Harish Murthy, Irvine resident, with Ektaa Center, spoke about using arts in Irvine to change the psyche of the Irvine community and how the City of Irvine looks to the world. He encouraged placing art in the places where people gather.

Marlan Globerson, Irvine resident, spoke in support of a grand mosaic piece at Great Park and liked the ideas of large public art.

Ellen Breitman, Irvine resident and Arts OC Boardmember, spoke about having a grand piece at Great Park and that Irvine Spectrum is like the city's downtown. Encouraged Irvine public libraries to include public art.

David Ihrig, with the Irvine Theater Company, spoke on ideas that are large scale such as the Sphere in Las Vegas to be brought to Great Park.

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

There were no Introductions.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMITTEE REPORTS/COMMITTEE UPDATES**

Committee Member Jacobs announced she has co-curated an exhibition, **resilire**, at the Orange County Center for Contemporary Art and invited all to attend the opening reception on Saturday, June 7, from 6-10 p.m.

Cory Hilderbrand, Community Services Manager, invited all committee members and the public to the State of the Great Park on May 6. He made the following announcements:

- Great Park Gallery exhibition continues to be on view through Sunday, April 20, with the last enhancement activity scheduled for Saturday, April 19, *Origami for Breakfast*.
- Art at City Hall will host the High School Art Exhibition opening reception on April 24.
- Irvine Fine Arts Center's exhibitions, *Michelle Andrade: Everything's Fine* and *Metamorphosis: Mending the Wound*, are on view until May 24.

- Irvine Annual's exhibition Call for Artists is open currently and accepting applications until April 30.

## **ADDITIONS AND DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA**

There were no additions or deletions.

## **COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

### **2. MINUTES**


There were no public comments.

**ACTION:** Moved by Committee Member Falcone, seconded by Vice Chair Adams Farrell, and unanimously carried (Committee Member Abbaszadeh absent) to approve the minutes of the Public Arts Committee special meeting held January 16, 2025, with noted spelling corrections of Committee Member Falcone's last name and of public comment speaker Ellen Breitman's last name.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Committee Member Falcone, seconded by Vice Chair Adams Farrell, and unanimously carried to adjourn the Public Arts Committee meeting at 4:37 p.m.

  
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LAURA MURPHY  
RECORDING SECRETARY

  
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KIRSTEN MAEDA, CHAIR  
DATE APPROVED: 7/17/25