

PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA
3200 E. TAHQUITZ CANYON WAY – LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM



A. CALL TO ORDER

A meeting of the Palm Springs Public Arts Commission was called to order by Chair Gary Armstrong on Thursday, November 6, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Gary Armstrong, Vice Chair Tina Gonsalves, Commissioners Carlos Silveira, Lauri Kibby, Lilly Hanner, Jim Lande, Jenan Cameranesi, and Natasia Gascon

ABSENT: Commissioner Loya

CITY STAFF: Director, Jay Virata

C. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KIBBY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER LANDE, AND CARRIED 8-0 TO ACCEPT THE AGENDA.

D. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

E. REMARKS FROM THE CHAIR

Chair Armstrong announced the resignation of Commissioner Silveira effective at the end of the month.

F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KIBBY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GONSALVES, CARRIED 8-0 TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 9, 2025.

G. PRESENTATION:

Artist Philip Smith presented changes to the AIDS Memorial materials, emphasizing that the spirit, intent, and design remain unchanged. The Vertical Ovals will be changed from glass to mirror-polished aluminum. Aluminum weighs less at 300 lbs. vs. 5,000 lbs. per oval. The Ground Plane and Benches will be changed from precast concrete to exterior-grade terrazzo. Which is better suited for placing the necessary amount of brass lettering/inlay. The project is now anticipated to be completed in mid to late April 2026.

H. PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Approve Resolution No. MUR 2025 – 002 “A RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN ART MURAL APPLICATION FOR “SPIRIT OF SOFIA” BY ART BY PRESSA, LLC, LOCATED ON THE EAST (PARKING LOT FACING) ELEVATION OF THE PERIMETER WALL AT 1491 SOUTH VIA SOLEDAD (CASE MUR 2025-002).”

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KIBBY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HANNER, CARRIED 8-0, TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. MUR 2025 – 002 “A RESOLUTION OF THE PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AN ART MURAL APPLICATION FOR “SPIRIT OF SOFIA” BY ART BY PRESSA, LLC, LOCATED ON THE EAST (PARKING LOT FACING) ELEVATION OF THE PERIMETER WALL AT 1491 SOUTH VIA SOLEDAD (CASE MUR 2025-002).”

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/APPROVAL:

1. Approve amendment to Art Maintenance Agreement with Same Day Express dba Signature Sculpture.

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KIBBY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GONSALVES, CARRIED 8-0 TO APPROVE THE FY26 CONTRACT AMENDMENT WITH SAME DAY EXPRESS DBA SIGNATURE SCULPTURE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000, WITH \$43,480 FOR CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE OF SPECIFIC PIECES AND \$6,520 AS A CONTINGENCY FUND FOR EMERGENCY CLEANINGS.

J. PROJECT UPDATES

- Vice Chair Gonsalves reported on the Ad Hoc Committee 2 committee for new pieces to be considered. Pasadena's ordinance, which refers to "commemorative assets" was noted as a potential model for separating collection items. The committee will follow up with the City of Ontario for further input and convene to draft recommendations for the next meeting.

- Chair Armstrong reported on the committee for Public Art Ordinance review meeting with the City Attorney to discuss a full ordinance revision to align with State law, particularly regarding development impact fees, establishing a definitive time period for developers to reclaim their art fees, increasing the threshold for city manager approval for minor cost changes, and revising the process to require the Commission to review the formal "gift to the city" application before it goes to the City Council.
- Two non-profit organizations offered to partner with the City to pursue grant funding for the Wyatt Mural.
- Installation for Artscape in Parks and Beautiful Shade have been delayed pending the final issuance of permits.
- Installation of Taming of the Horses has been delayed due to working on a new master agreement with Riverside County Flood Control.

K. COMMISSIONER AGENDA REQUESTS AND COMMENTS:

- Include ongoing financial reports at each meeting.
- Begin discussions on objective criteria for reviewing art beyond personal tastes.
- Develop guidelines for organizations seeking to showcase temporary art installations on Museum Way.

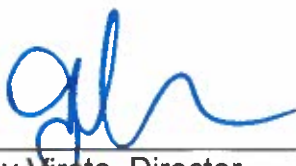
L. REPORT FROM DIRECTOR/STAFF:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION BY COMMISSIONER KIBBY, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GASCON, AND CARRIED 8-0 TO ADJOURN AT 7:23 PM TO A MEETING ON DECEMBER 4, 2025, AT 5:30 PM IN THE LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM OF CITY HALL LOCATED AT 3200 E. TAHQUITZ CANYON WAY.

Respectfully submitted,



Jay Virata, Director
Housing & Community Development Department