

City of Capitola

Art & Cultural Commission

Tuesday, April 14, 2026 – 6:30 PM



Council Chambers
420 Capitola Avenue
Capitola CA 95010

Chair: Mary Beth Cahalen

Vice Chair: Karin Anderson

Commissioners: Courtney Christiansen, Joe Clarke, Enrique Dolmo Jr., Roy Holmberg, Roy Johnson, Jill Lengre, Esther Sylvan.

Staff Representatives: Nikki Bryant

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1. **Call to Order**
 2. **Additional Materials**
 3. **Public Oral Communication:** *Public Oral Communication allows members of the public to address the Commission on any Program Report or topics within the purview of the Commission not on the General Business agenda.*
 4. **Commissioner Comments**
 5. **Staff Comments**
 6. **Approval of Minutes- Regular Meeting March 10, 2026.**
 7. **Program/Committee Reports:** *All items in program and committee reports are staff or committee updates. Public Communication for these items is to be addressed during Public Oral Communication.*
 8. **General Business:** *All items listed in General Business are intended to provide an opportunity for public discussion. The following procedure pertains to each General Business item 1) Staff explanation; 2) Commission Questions; 3) Public Comment; 4) Commission deliberation; 5) Decision.*
 - a. **Monterey Railing Public Art Project:** *Accept presentation and provide feedback to staff on the gateway opportunities, public art opportunities, and branding concepts.*
 9. **Adjournment:** *to the next regular Art & Cultural Commission meeting on April 14, 2026*

Agenda and agenda Packet Materials: The Art and Cultural Commission Agenda is available on the City's website: www.cityofcapitola.org on Friday prior to the Tuesday meeting. If you need additional information, please contact the City Hall Department at (831) 475-7300

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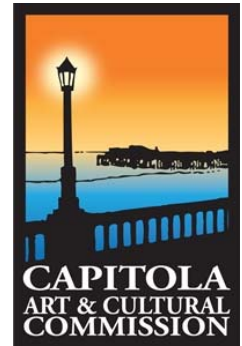
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Art & Cultural Commission: Draft Minutes

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1. Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. In attendance: Christinsen (6:32pm), Cahalen, Dolmo, Holmberg (6:34pm), Johnson, Lengre, Sylvan
Absent- Clarke, Anderson

2. Additional Materials

None

3. Public Oral Communication

Goren Klublitch

4. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Johnson shared that the music ad hoc committee met and selected top 20 bands and narrowed down to final list plus alternates for Twilight Concerts.

5. Staff Comments

Rispin Reflecting Pool deadline, March 9th. Currently 20 proposals. Ad hoc committee will be given all proposals to review and recommend top choices for presentations in April.

Commissioner Christiansen recuses from ad hoc committee responsibilities due to her company submitting a proposal.

6. Approval of Minutes- February 10, 2026

Motion to approve the Minutes: Commissioner Sylvan

Second: Commissioner Johnson

Voting Yea: Commissioner Christinsen, Chair Cahalen, Commissioner Dolmo, Commissioner Holmberg, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Lengre, Commissioner Sylvan

7. Program/Committee Reports

New Music Sunday May 10th did not work for School and adjusted to May 31st.

8. General Business

a. Director Herlihy: 41st Ave Corridor Update

Report given by Staff. Commissioner Sylvan commented on the survey. Commissioner Johnson commented on trees and public art in the same location. Suggested 41st Ave corridor be called "west village". Commissioner Lengre and Sylvan commented on incorporating trees. Commissioner Lengre commented hardscapes.

Public Comment: None

b. Bandstand Weathervane Public Art Project

Report given by Staff. Commissioner Sylvan commented on the quality of proposal by the one submission. Commissioner Holmberg commented that West Coast Weathervane did not see the call to artist.

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve to republish the call to artists: Commissioner Holmberg

Second: Commissioner Sylvan

Voting Yea: Commissioner Christinsen, Chair Cahalen, Commissioner Dolmo, Commissioner Holmberg, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Lengre, Commissioner Sylvan.

c. Annual Mailer Feedback

Report given by Staff. Commission support for the Venetian style mailer and like the color pallet. Prefer it in a landscape format. Prefer minimal font changes and larger text. Consider making water reflection look more rippled.

Public Comment: None

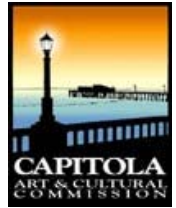
9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 PM to the next regular Art & Cultural Commission meeting on April 14, 2026.

ATTEST:

Nikki Bryant

ART & CULTURAL COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT



Meeting: April 14, 2026

From: Community Services & Recreation Department

Subject: Monterey Ave Railing Project Feedback

Recommended Action: Receive the final presentation on the Monterey Avenue Railing Public Art Project and approve the project as complete, authorizing staff to initiate contract close-out.

Background: The Monterey Avenue Railing Public Art Project was approved by the Art & Cultural Commission prior to March 2020 and delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Following a competitive Call to Artists and a multi-phase review process, Bruce Harman was selected as the project artist. His proposal features hand-painted marine life silhouettes made from aluminum, mounted onto the railing using custom brackets with tamper-proof bolts, without altering the railing itself.

On October 24, 2024, the Capitola City Council approved the project with direction to begin installation with elements focused on birds and to conduct additional public outreach and review before proceeding with full implementation.

Discussion: Artist Bruce Harman began installation of the first phase of the Monterey Avenue Railing Public Art Project prior to the June 10, 2025, Commission meeting. This initial phase included a representative sample of the proposed marine and bird-themed artwork, allowing the Commission to evaluate scale, placement, color palette, and mounting techniques in the field.

On August 12, 2025, the artist returned to the Commission with an update and received feedback specifically on the pelican elements of the installation. The Commission supported continued installation and directed the artist to proceed with incorporating the aquatic life components of the approved concept.

On November 18, 2025, the Commission received a subsequent progress update and requested that the artist move forward with completing the full installation. The project installation is now complete and available for in-person viewing by Commissioners and the public along the west side of Monterey Avenue.

Fiscal Impact: No additional fiscal impact. The project remains within the approved \$50,000 budget from the Public Art Fund.

Attachments:

Report Prepared By: Nikki Bryant, Community Services and Recreation Director