

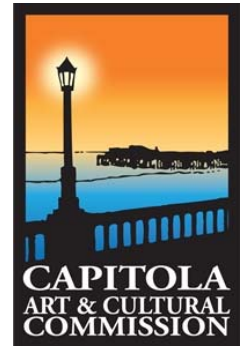
City of Capitola

Art & Cultural Commission

Tuesday, June 10, 2025 – 6:30 PM

Council Chambers

420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola CA 95010



Chair: Mary Beth Cahalen

Vice Chair: Roy Johnson

Commissioners: Karin Anderson, Courtney Christiansen, Joe Clarke, Enrique Dolomo, Roy Holmberg, 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 April 8, 2025.**
 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 Ave Railing Project Feedback:** *Receive staff report and provide feedback to the artist for next phase of installation.*
 - b. **Capitola Road Median Public Art:** *Receive staff report and consider timing development of a public art project in the Capitola Road medians with the 41st Ave Corridor Study completion.*

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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Appeals: Any person who believes that a final action of this advisory body has been taken in error may appeal that decision to the City Council. Appeals must be in writing and delivered to the City Clerk's Office within ten (10) working days from the time of the board's decision. The notice of appeal shall set forth appellant's name, phone number, address to which notices may be sent to the appellant, and the grounds upon which the appeal is made.

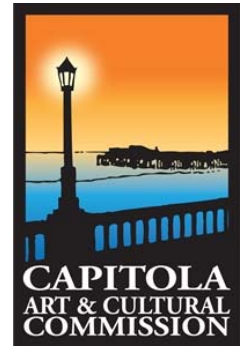
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Art & Cultural Commission: Draft Minutes

Tuesday, May 13, 2025 – 6:30 PM

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Commissioners: Karin Anderson, Courtney Christiansen, Mayor Joe Clarke, Enrique Dolomo, Roy Holmberg, Jill Lengre, Esther Sylvan

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1. **Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 PM. In attendance: Anderson, Cahalen, Clarke, Dolomo, Holmberg, Johnson, Lengre, Sylvan, Christinsen arrived at 6:35

2. **Additional Materials**

None

3. **Public Oral Communication**

None

4. **Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Anderson commented on Capitola Soquel Times Publishing

Chair Cahalen commented on the Beach Festival Instagram, BIA raffle, Car Show and the Wharf Enhancement Town Hall.

5. **Staff Comments**

Monterey Ave Railing Project will be temporally installed, and next meeting will be a feedback item. Plan to view the railing before the next meeting.

6. **Approval of Minutes- April 8, 2025**

Motion to approve the Minutes with the correction to item 6 “banc” changed to “bands”:

Commissioner Lengre

Second: Mayor Clarke

Voting Yea: Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Christinsen, Chair Cahalen, Mayor Clarke, Commissioner Dolomo, Commissioner Holmberg, Vice Chair Johnson, Commissioner Lengre, Commissioner Sylvan

7. **Program/Committee Reports**

New Music Sundays: School of Rock and Be Natural Music

Dueling Pianos: Those Dueling Pianos

8. **General Business**

a. Capitola Wharf Master Plan Options

Report given by Director Herlihy on the conceptual layout of each proposed option and the survey. The commission provided comments on their personal preferences.

Public Comment: None

No Action

b. Monterey Ave Mural Potential

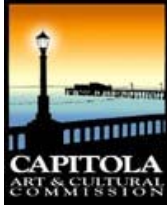
Report given by Staff. Director Herlihy commented further on the process to modify a Historic Landmark. Commissioner Lengre commented on the painting over of graffiti. Director Herlihy commented on the process for staff to enhance the look.
Public Comment: None
No Action

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM to the next regular Art & Cultural Commission meeting on June 10, 2025.

ATTEST:

Nikki Bryant



Item #: 8.a

ART & CULTURAL COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING OF June 10, 2025

FROM: Staff
DATE: June 2, 2025
SUBJECT: Monterey Ave Railing Project Feedback

Recommended Action:

Receive staff report and provide feedback to the artist for consideration in next phase of installation.

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

Bruce Harman will temporarily install the first phase of the public art project prior to the June 10, 2025, Commission meeting. The first phase includes a representative sample of the proposed marine and bird-themed artwork to demonstrate scale, placement, color palette, and mounting technique.

The temporary installation will be available for in-person viewing by Commissioners and the public along the west side of Monterey Avenue. This partial display is intended to gather feedback on visual impact, community response, and any adjustments needed to inform subsequent phases of installation. Feedback collected during this meeting will be incorporated into the final design and scheduling of the next phases of installation.

FISCAL IMPACT

No additional fiscal impact at this time. The project remains within the approved \$50,000 budget from the Public Art Fund.

ATTACHMENT

1. Images of temporary installation

Report Prepared By: Nikki Bryant
Community Services and Recreation Director

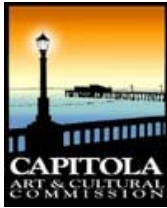
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ART & CULTURAL COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING OF June 10, 2025

FROM: Staff
DATE: June 2, 2025
SUBJECT: Capitola Road Median Public Art

Recommended Action:

Receive staff report and consider timing development of a public art project in the Capitola Road medians with the 41st Avenue Corridor Study completion.

BACKGROUND

The City's Public Art Program, governed by Chapter 2.58 of the Capitola Municipal Code, supports investment in art to enhance the visual environment and cultural vibrancy of Capitola. The Art & Cultural Commission, as established in Chapter 2.56, advises the City Council on the use of public art funds and recommends annual priorities for new projects.

At the Art & Cultural Commission meeting on February 19, 2025, the Commission expressed interest in expanding public art beyond the Village and identified the Capitola Road medians as a potential new location, consistent with City Council's October 2024 direction to explore projects on the other side of Soquel Creek.

DISCUSSION

The Public Works Director, Jessica Kahn, has identified several important site considerations for future public art installations in the Capitola Road medians. The existing trees within the medians may need to be removed to make room for artwork and the irrigation system would require evaluation to ensure compatibility with any new installations. It is currently unclear whether electrical service is available in the medians, and if lighting or illuminated features are desired, installing electrical infrastructure would be an additional cost. Additionally, some medians contain sewer manholes, which could affect the anchoring of larger pieces and would require coordination with sanitation agencies during the planning and design stages. Placement of artwork will also need to maintain clear traffic sight distances to ensure driver safety, a factor that can be addressed in collaboration with the selected artist and Public Works staff.

From a strategic planning perspective, Community Development Director Katie Herlihy advises coordinating public art development in the Capitola Road medians near 41st Avenue with the completion of the 41st Avenue Corridor Study, which is currently underway, will collect community feedback in July and expected to be presented to the City Council in Fall 2025. This study will provide valuable guidance in placemaking and economic development by including branding and public art recommendations for the 41st Avenue corridor, identifying gateway and median opportunities. The corridor study will also provide recommendations concerning the condition, potential relocation, and maintenance of existing public art within the 41st Avenue corridor. Coordinating the project with the study's completion will better position the Commission to plan and implement art projects that align with the City's broader goals and coordinate effectively with upcoming infrastructure improvements.

FISCAL IMPACT There is no fiscal impact associated with receiving this report. The Public Art Fund currently has a balance of approximately \$120,200, with \$50,000 in commitments to other in-

progress projects.

ATTACHMENT

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Community Services and Recreation Director