

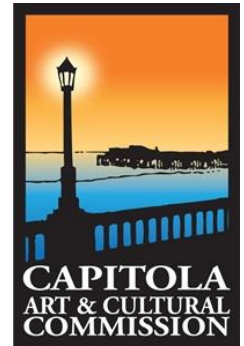
# City of Capitola

## Art & Cultural Commission: Approved Minutes

### Tuesday, August 12, 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, Mayor Joe Clarke, Enrique Dolmo Jr., Roy Holmberg, Jill Lengre, Esther Sylvan

**Staff Representatives:** Nikki Bryant

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#### 1. Call to Order:

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

#### 2. Additional Materials

None

#### 3. Public Oral Communication

Molly Ording

Laurie Hill

#### 4. Commissioner Comments

Mayor Clarke commented on the Park at Rispin Mansion reflecting pool

Vice Chair Johnson commented on positive youth experiences at New Music Sunday and Makers Market

Commissioner Anderson commented on Dueling Pianos, New Music Sundays, Wharf Makers Market

Commissioner Lengre commented on Wharf Makers Market and staff

Chair Cahalen commented on the Beach Festival

Commissioner Holmberg commented on the Makers Market and vendor competition

#### 5. Staff Comments

The reflecting pool at the park at Rispin Mansion was recently filled in, which has prompted concern from some community members about the long-term plans for the feature.

As part of the current site improvement project, the concrete structure of the existing fountain was restored. However, activating it as a functioning fountain is not included in the current scope, nor has it been envisioned for the future. The interior drop is approximately three feet, creating a fall hazard. Per the direction of the Building Official, the area was filled for safety reasons. The only other viable option would have been to install fencing around the structure, which was not preferred given the overall design intent of the park improvements.

The area will be finished in a way that integrates well with the surrounding site. In the future, some or all of the fill may be removed once a permanent public art project is ready to move forward. The Commission has previously discussed a vision for space that includes mosaic tilework and a centerpiece. Staff have applied for grant funding to support this project, but funding has not yet been secured.

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

Motion to approve the Minutes: Commissioner Anderson

Second: Commissioner Holmberg

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

**7. Program/Committee Reports**

3 more twilight Concerts, Makers Market Wharf and final Esplanade past and Aug 17, Dueling Pianos past and Aug 23, New Music Sundays past and Aug 17, Plein Air

**8. General Business**

**a. Monterey Ave Railing Project Feedback**

Report given by Staff. Chair Cahalen commented on the appropriate type paint and asked the artist about his thoughts. Commissioner Lengre commented on the different color patterns. Commissioner Holmberg commented on the material improvement. Vice Chair Johnson commented on the approval of the birds and requested progress on fish. Mayor Clarke commented on safety concerns.

Public Comment: Molly Ording

Motion to approve the Monterey Public Art Project continue progress with feedback from the commission and the artist return after the next phase is complete: Vice Chair Johnson

Second: Mayor Clarke

Voting Yea: Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Christinsen, Chair Cahalen, Mayor Clarke, Commissioner Dolmo, Commissioner Holmberg, Vice Chair Johnson, Commissioner Lengre.

**b. Bandstand Weathervane**

Report given by Staff. Commissioner Christinsen commented on estimated cost of engineer and artist budget. Commissioner Anderson commented on the cost of materials. Commissioner Holmberg commented on moving forward with the 5,000 artist contract budget and is proposals are unsatisfactory the commission consider the call to artist again.

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve the Art & Cultural Commission's recommend for City Council approval, allocation of Public Art Funds not to exceed \$5,000 for contracting an engineer to develop technical specifications for the Call to Artist and artist contract budget of \$5,000 for the Bandstand Weathervane Project: Chair Cahalen

Second: Mayor Clarke

Voting Yea: Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Christinsen, Chair Cahalen, Mayor Clarke, Commissioner Dolmo, Commissioner Holmberg, Vice Chair Johnson, Commissioner Lengre.

**c. Begonia Festival Commemorative Public Art Project**

Report given by Staff. Mayor Clarke commented on the cost for repair. Commissioner Lengre asked about recommended paint and the productivity of adding another layer of temporary paint. Commissioner Holmberg commented on different paint processes. Commissioner Anderson commented on the timing of the Beach Festival, Vice Chair Johnson commented on moving forward with a permanent fix.

Public Comment: Laurie Hill


Motion to approve the artist be requested to research a permanent fix for the paint fade issue, consistent with Begonia flower colors, and return to the commission for a presentation on research finding at a meeting after the Beach Festival: Chair Cahalen  
Second: Commissioner Lengre

Voting Yea: Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Christinsen, Chair Cahalen, Mayor Clarke, Commissioner Dolmo, Commissioner Holmberg, Vice Chair Johnson, Commissioner Lengre.

## 9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM to the next regular Art & Cultural Commission meeting on September 9, 2025.

ATTEST:

Signed by:  
  
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Nikki Bryant