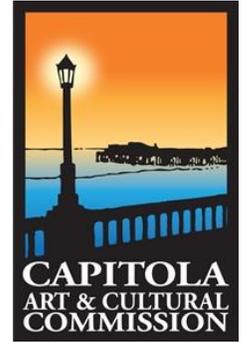


# City of Capitola

## Art & Cultural Commission: Approved Minutes

### Tuesday, January 13, 2026 – 6:30 PM

Council Chambers  
420 Capitola Avenue, Capitola CA 95010



**Chair:** Mary Beth Cahalen

**Vice Chair:** Roy Johnson

**Commissioners:** Karin Anderson, Courtney Christiansen, Councilmember 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, Christinsen, Cahalen, Clarke, Dolmo, Holmberg, Johnson, Lengre, Sylvan,

**2. Additional Materials**

None

**3. Public Oral Communication**

Addy Guerbandd

Ruby Declue

Ruby's Parent

**4. Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Anderson commented on the Monterey Railing Public Art installation and the Annex in the Village has Plein Air works on display.

Councilmember Clarke commented on the star fish on the Capitola Ave overpass

**5. Staff Comments**

Form 700 Filing

**6. Approval of Minutes- December 9, 2025**

Motion to approve the Minutes: Commissioner Sylvan

Second: Vice Chair Johnson

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

**7. Program/Committee Reports**

None

**8. General Business**

**a. Selection of Officers**

Report given by Staff. Vice Chair Johnson nominated Chair Cahalen for 2026 Art & Cultural Commission Chair. Chair Cahalen accepted the nomination. Councilmember Clarke nominated Commissioner Anderson for 2026 Art & Cultural Commission Vice Chair. Commissioner Anderson accepted the nomination.

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve Chair Cahalen continue as Chair of the 2026 Art & Cultural Commission for a one-year team: Vice Chair Johnson

Second: Commissioner Holmberg

Motion to approve Commissioner Anderson as Vice Chair of the 2026 Art & Cultural Commission for a one-year team: Councilmember Clarke

Second: Vice Chair Johnson

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

**b. Ad Hoc Committees**

Report given by Staff. The Commission asked for clarifying questions of staff and City Attorney. The Commission discussed the development of public art ad hoc committees. Cultural program ad hoc committees will be developed during the goal setting meeting.

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve the development of three ad hoc committees for current public art projects: Monterey Railing Project, Bandstand Weathervane Project and Rispin

Reflecting Pool Project: Chair Cahalen

Second: Councilmember Clarke

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

**c. Arts Council Santa Cruz Liaison**

Report given by Staff.

Public Comment:

Motion to approve Commissioner Holmberg remain the Arts Council Santa Cruz Liaison: Commissioner Sylvan

Second: Vice Chair Johnson

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

**d. Depot Hill Wharf Arch**

Report given by Staff. Commissioner Sylvan questioned if the arch was returned to the artist could there still be an opportunity for the city to use it later. Vice Chair Johnson commented on available location. Councilmember Clarke suggested Park at Rispin. Commissioner Christinsen commented on the Wharf conceptual building designs.

Commissioner Holmberg commented on the work that it would need to be reinstalled and the potential cost. Vice Chair Johnson stated a preference for the arch to not be reused.

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve staff to explore feasibility of including the former arch in the Wharf Conceptual designs and possible location in Park at Rispin: Commissioner Lengre

Second: Commissioner Anderson

Voting Yea: Commissioner Anderson, Chair Cahalen, Councilmember Clarke, Commissioner Dolmo, Commissioner Lengre, Commissioner Sylvan.

Abstain: Commissioner Christinsen, Commissioner Holmberg, Vice Chair Johnson

**e. Rispin Reflecting Pool Public Art**

Report given by Staff. The Commission provides feedback to incorporate in the final draft of the Call to Artist. Changes to add the city to the site description and not included in the artist budget, concrete basin suitable surface for applying mosaic, Commissioner Sylvan commented on the two budget levels. Chair Cahalen clarified the Call to Artist process.

Public Comment: None

Motion to approve the release of the Call to Artist for the Rispin Reflecting Pool Public Art once staff incorporates feedback: Commissioner Christensen

Second: Councilmember Clarke

Voting Yea: Commissioner Anderson, Commissioner Christensen, Chair Cahalen, Councilmember Clarke, Commissioner Dolmo, Commissioner Holmberg, Vice Chair Johnson, Commissioner Lengre, Commissioner Sylvan.

## 9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM to the next regular Art & Cultural Commission meeting on February 10, 2026 at 6pm.

ATTEST:

Signed by:   
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Nikki Bryant