

PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES JUNE 18, 2026

City of Paramount, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, CA 90723

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Public Art Advisory Committee was called to order by Chair Isabel Aguayo at 3:38 p.m. at City Hall, Downstairs Conference Room, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California.

ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Present: Christina Rodriguez (Community Stakeholder)
Vice Mayor Vilma Cuellar Stallings
Vice Chair Lorean Bautista (Artist)
Chair Isabel Aguayo

Absent: Angel Castellanos (Artist)

STAFF PRESENT: John King, Planning and Building Director
Leslie Corrales, Assistant Planner
Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

MINUTES

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
May 28, 2026

Chair Aguayo presented the Public Art Advisory Committee minutes of May 28, 2026 for approval.

It was moved by Committee Member/Vice Mayor Cuellar Stallings and seconded by Committee Member Rodriguez to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was passed by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Committee Members Cuellar Stallings and Rodriguez; Vice Chair Bautista; and Chair Aguayo

NOES: None

ABSENT: Committee Member Castellanos

ABSTAIN: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

APPROVAL

2. APPROVAL
Hay Tree Public
Market Proposals

Chair Aguayo announced the item. Planning and Building Director King asked the Committee if they would like to review the proposals for Hay Tree Public Market project inside the indoor 1,567 square foot event/community room (currently under construction) for recommendation to the City Council.

Chair Aguayo asked the Committee to provide their top three candidates. After discussion and deliberation, the Committee selected the following three artists to be recommended for City Council consideration: Kacie Lyn Martinez, Dawn Mendelson/Piece by Piece, and Adrian Litman.

REPORTS

3. ORAL REPORT/
CONSIDERATION
COVID-19 Memorial at
the Civic Center

Chair Aguayo announced the item, a continuation of last month's discussion of a COVID-19 Memorial at the Civic Center.

Planning and Building Director King introduced Assistant Planner Corrales who noted the limited examples of public COVID-19 memorials at other jurisdictions.

Planning and Building Director King discussed the possibility of a virtual memorial (hosted on the City website) to complement the art piece/sculpture.

Due to the limited examples, Planning and Building Director King asked the Committee if the parameters for the Call for Artists proposal should be specific or more open-ended (subject to artist interpretation).

Chair Aguayo stated that this is a new concept because of the limited examples of COVID-19 memorials available suggested that the item go back to the City Council for further guidance.

The Committee agreed to send the item back to the City Council for further direction regarding parameters to put in place for the proposed sculpture and location at the Civic Center.

4. ORAL REPORT
Utility Box
Refurbishment

Chair Aguayo announced the item. At the direction of the Committee to allow artists to refurbish existing utility boxes, Planning and Building Director King provided an update of the completed work of the following utility boxes:

"Rose Mallow in the Sun" by Mer Young at 15100 Paramount Boulevard (adjacent to Doubiz).

“The calmness of the City” by Tracy Negrete at 7350 Alondra Boulevard (adjacent to H&H Liquor).

“Riverbed Locals” by Mel Depaz at 6400 Alondra Boulevard (adjacent to Home Depot).

“Before there was love, there was silence” by Charlotte Medina (to be completed by end of June).

COMMENTS

5. COMMENTS

The Committee determined the next meeting will take place on Thursday, July 23, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Aguayo at 4:22 p.m. to the next Public Art Advisory Committee meeting to be held on Thursday, July 23, 2026 at City Hall, Downstairs Conference Room, 16400 Colorado Avenue, Paramount, California at 3:30 p.m.

/s/ *Isabel Aguayo*

Isabel Aguayo, Chair

ATTEST:

/s/ *Biana Salgado*

Biana Salgado, Administrative Assistant

APPROVED: July 23, 2026

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