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**Special Meeting of the
Recreation, Cultural
Affairs & Community
Services Committee**

Wednesday,
January 6, 2021

5:30 p.m.

various
telephonic/electronic
locations

The Contra Costa County Health Department has ordered individuals in Contra Costa County to “shelter in place”. The California Department of Public Health issued its “Mass Gatherings Guidance on Novel Coronavirus or COVID-19” followed by a recommendation that certain gatherings in California be postponed or canceled. The Governor of the State of California issued Executive Order N-25-20 which, among other things, orders that all California residents are to “. . . heed any orders and guidance of state and local public health officials, including but not limited to the imposition of social distancing measures, to control the spread of COVID-19” and pursuant to Executive Order N-33-20 has ordered all individuals in California to stay home or at their place of residence with very limited exceptions. That means residents must obey State, County, and City of Concord rules and guidelines.

City of Concord Rules: The City of Concord has declared a local state of emergency due to COVID-19 and is closed to the public. This Committee meeting is an essential event; therefore, it has not been cancelled. However, City of Concord officials and staff will conduct this meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically. The City will **not** make available any physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment. Instead, members of the public may observe and address the meeting remotely. Below is information on how to do that.

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- Speakers will be asked to provide their name and city of residence, although providing this is not required for participation.
- Each speaker will be afforded up to 3 minutes to speak.
- Speakers will be muted until their opportunity to provide public comment.

When the Chair opens a public comment period on the item on which you would like to comment, please use the "raise hand" feature (or press *9 if connecting via telephone) which will alert staff that you have a comment to provide.

Meeting of the Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Community Services Committee

1. ROLL CALL

2. REPORTS

The public is entitled to address the Committee on items appearing on the agenda before or during the Committee's consideration of that item. Each speaker will be limited to approximately three minutes. Please see "How to Submit Public Comments" above.

- a. **Considering** – a recommendation by the Concord Art Association for utility box artwork. **Report by Lisa Potvin, Downtown Program Manager.**

3. ADJOURNMENT

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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Staff Report

Date: January 6, 2021

To: Council Committee on Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Community Services

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Subject: **Considering a recommendation by the Concord Art Association for utility box artwork.**

Report in Brief

The Concord Art Association (CAA) has completed a call for artists for artwork that is to be placed on utility boxes within the downtown and at the corner of Kirker Pass Road and Concord Boulevard. CAA has juried the artwork and is prepared to make a recommendation to the Council Committee on Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Community Services regarding its selected pieces.

Recommended Action

Consider selected artwork from the Concord Art Association, and direct staff to place a recommendation from the Council Committee on Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Community Services before the full City Council for consideration.

Background

On September 8, 2020, the City Council authorized placement of painted artwork on utility boxes around the downtown area and at one location at the corner of Kirker Pass Road and Concord Boulevard. Included in the City Council authorization was an artwork theme of "Celebrate Concord," and the provision of supportive in-kind City services. The City Council directed the Committee on Recreation, Cultural Affairs & Community Services to review artwork and make a recommendation to the full City Council for final approval before being placed on utility boxes.

Analysis

The CAA issued a call for artists with a submission due date of November 15, 2020. The CAA completed its review of artwork submissions and is prepared to make a recommendation to this Committee. Presentation materials were not ready at the time of the writing of this staff report; the CAA will provide an oral and visual presentation to support their recommendation at the meeting.

Financial Impact

The CAA committed to fundraising \$6,000 to paint the three downtown utility boxes. The fourth utility box located at Kirker Pass Road and Concord Boulevard will be funded by Crossroads Church. The financial impacts of the proposed in-kind city services are considered to be negligible.

Public Contact

The Agenda was posted.