



## **MINUTES** **REGULAR MEETING**

**CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION  
CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026  
6:30 P.M.**

**Library | Parks and Recreation Building, Council Chambers  
901 Civic Campus Way  
South San Francisco, CA**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Foley called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

### **ROLL CALL**

Chair Foley, present  
Vice Chair Maharaj, present  
Commissioner Fernandez, present (6:36 p.m.) \*  
Commissioner Huerta, present (6:37 p.m.) \*  
Commissioner Luster, absent  
Commissioner Palomino, present  
Commissioner Pomposo, present, (6:40 p.m.) \*  
Commissioner Ramos, present  
Commissioner Sanchez, absent

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **AGENDA REVIEW**

None

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

## PRESENTATIONS

1. February 2026 Art Show Presentation to Award Recipients (Ercie Santos, Cultural Arts Specialist)

Cultural Arts Specialist Santos delivered a presentation of all the art show finalists and invited Chair Foley and the Commission to acknowledge those awardees that were present. The recipients expressed their gratitude for the opportunity to participate. Commissioners thanked the art show participants and encouraged them to participate at upcoming art shows.

2. Public Art Collection Monthly Spotlight: “Windswept” Sculpture (Erin O’Brien, Business Manager)

Business Manager O’Brien gave a brief presentation on the “Windswept” sculpture which is currently located at the Library | Parks and Recreation Center (LPR). It was relocated from its original location at Westborough Blvd. near HWY 280, after being struck by a vehicle. Staff are working to include the monthly spotlights on social media.

3. Subcommittee Reports (Erin O’Brien, Business Manager)

- A. Art Gallery Shows

- Commissioner Pomposo informed the Commission that the “What is Love?” Art Show will run from February 6, 2026 through February 27, 2026. A total of 45 entries by 35 artists were received. Ten artists received awards and were judged by Victoria Magbilang from the San Mateo County Arts Commission. Approximately 90 visitors signed the guest book and there were two art sales.

- B. Fundraising

- None.

- C. Performing Arts

- None.

- D. Public Art

- Commissioner Huerta informed the Commission they had a meeting on February 23, 2026 to discuss the next steps for the refurbishing of the Eternal Flame sculpture.
- Additionally, the subcommittee reviewed the draft iteration of the columns design at the New Park at Linden Avenue and Pine Avenue project and provided feedback for staff to pass along to artist J Muzacz.

- E. Strategic Vision

- None.

- F. Youth Art Programs

- Commissioner Pomposo informed the Commission that the Youth Art Show opening weekend will take place on April 17, 2026 and April 18, 2026.

- G. Goals Chart

- Chart provided in packet.

## **MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

4. Motion to approve the minutes from February 24, 2026.

Motion – Commissioner Maharaj/ Second – Commissioner Pomposo: To approve the minutes from February 24, 2026, by roll call vote: AYES: Foley, Huerta, Maharaj, Palomino, Pomposo, Ramos; NAYES: None; ABSENT: Luster and Sanchez; ABSTAIN: Fernandez

5. Approve the 2026 Cultural Arts Program Annual Work Plan

Business Manager O'Brien presented the 2026 Cultural Arts Program Annual Work Plan to the full commission and highlighted the accomplishments from the 2025 Cultural Arts Program Annual Work Plan. The Commission discussed several elements from the 18 major projects identified in the 2026 Cultural Arts Program Annual Work Plan. Vice Chair Maharaj proposed expanding performing arts by having a small production featuring local artists. Staff informed the Commission that this concept can be explored in the future. The addition of a new event or program may require making tradeoffs with existing events and programs. Staff reviewed current performing art opportunities being incorporated into each of the quarterly art shows. Commissioners expressed an interest in bringing in varying performers outside of Parks and Recreation programs. Noting the Commission's interest in increasing performing art opportunities, staff will explore focusing the 2026 Cultural Activities Grant on performing arts.

Motion – Commissioner Maharaj/ Second – Commissioner Huerta: To approve the 2026 Cultural Arts Program Annual Work Plan, by roll call vote: AYES: Fernandez, Foley, Pomposo, Huerta, Maharaj, Palomino, Ramos; ABSENT: Luster and Sanchez; ABSTAIN: None

## **ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS**

- Commissioner Maharaj shared his experience from attending the Napa Lighted Art Festival.
- Commissioner Fernandez noted that she would like to see more visual arts incorporated throughout South San Francisco in the future.

## **ITEMS FROM STAFF MEMBERS**

- Specialist Santos announced the following:
  - Congressional Art Exhibit will be hosted at the Library | Parks and Recreation Center. The California 15<sup>th</sup> Congressional District semi-finalist's artwork will be displayed in the LPR. One finalist will then be selected to display their art in a national exhibit, sponsored by the U.S. House of Representatives, in Washington, D.C. Installation of artwork and ceremony is pending.
  - Holi Festival of Colors at LPR: Sunday, March 8, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.

- Easter Bunny Photo-Hop: Saturday, March 21, 2026, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Pre-registration required.
- Youth Art Show 2026 art show flyer shared to Commissioners.
- Business Manager O’Brien reminded Commissioners to fill out Form 700, provided by the City Clerk’s Office. Additionally, she informed the Commission about the Cultural Activities Grant recipient hosting a Line Dancing class on March 14, 2026 at 10:30 a.m. or March 17, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, Chair Foley adjourned the Cultural Arts Commission meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

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 Keren Solano  
 Administrative Assistant II

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 Peter Foley  
 Cultural Arts Commission Chair

Approved by the Cultural Arts Commission: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_