



MINUTES **REGULAR MEETING**

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

**TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 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 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Chair Foley, present
Vice Chair Maharaj, present 6:33 p.m.*
Commissioner Fernandez, present 6:34 p.m.*
Commissioner Huerta, present
Commissioner Luster, absent
Commissioner Palomino, present
Commissioner Pomposo, present
Commissioner Ramos, absent
Commissioner Sanchez, present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

AGENDA REVIEW

None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Resident Michael DeNatale invited the Commission to attend the Silicon Valley Open Studios throughout the Month of May, and he specifically extended the invitation to his open studio at his home on May 2, 2026 and May 3, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Additionally, he invited Commissioners to visit the Skyline College Juried Student Art Show that will remain open from

April 27, 2026 through May 8, 2026; on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Presentation from the San Mateo County Arts Commission (Erin O’Brien, Business Program Manager)

Business Manager O’Brien introduced San Mateo County Arts Commission Chair Victoria Magbilang to the Commission. Chair Magbilang gave a brief presentation highlighting the role of the County Commission and responded to several questions from Commissioners about the County’s art programs and expanding opportunities in South San Francisco. She encouraged Commissioners to follow them on social media and subscribe to their newsletter for art opportunities and to hear what is happening throughout the county. She also invited Commissioners to visit the various art exhibits at the upcoming San Mateo County Fair and encouraged them to volunteer for the fine art exhibit.

2. Public Art Collection Monthly Spotlight: Pictorial History of South San Francisco (Erin O’Brien, Business Program Manager)

Business Program Manager O’Brien gave a brief presentation on the Pictorial History of South San Francisco mural produced by artist Carlotta Espinoza in 1980. The mural captures key moments in the City’s past while envisioning it’s future growth and development. Commissioners expressed their appreciation for the presentation, as many were not aware this mural existed in the City’s downtown area.

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

- A. Art Gallery Shows

- Commissioner Sanchez informed the Commission that approximately 495 art pieces were displayed throughout the Library | Parks and Recreation Center (LPR) for the Youth Art show. Nearly 800 visitors signed the guest book. The art show also featured performing arts by the South San Francisco High School Drama Club, the South San Francisco Civic Ballet, Marianna’s Mexican Folklorico Parks & Recreation Dancers, and the All Souls Catholic School Choir. One hundred and eight (108) selected art pieces will remain on extended display in the 2nd and 3rd floor exhibit spaces through May 14, 2026.

- B. Fundraising

- None.

- C. Performing Arts

- Refer to art gallery shows report.

- D. Public Art

- Commissioner Huerta informed the Commission that artist, Rachel Rodi, has been working on the mural for the new Aquatic Center. The Community

Workshop for the new mural will be tentatively held on Saturday, August 15, 2026. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

E. Strategic Vision

- Commissioner Fernandez informed the Commission of the upcoming New Park at Linden Avenue and Pine Avenue Groundbreaking event which will take place on Friday, May 8, 2026.

F. Youth Art Programs

- Refer to art gallery shows report.

G. Goals Chart

- Chart provided in packet.

MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

4. Motion to approve the minutes from April 28, 2026.

Motion – Vice Chair Maharaj/ Second – Commissioner Fernandez: To approve the minutes from April 28, 2026, by roll call vote: AYES: Fernandez, Foley, Huerta, Maharaj, Palomino, Pomposo, Sanchez; NAYES: None; ABSENT: Luster and Ramos; ABSTAIN: None

ITEMS FROM COMMISSIONERS

- No items from Commissioners.

ITEMS FROM STAFF MEMBERS

- Specialist Santos announced the following:
 - The U.S. House of Representatives 2026 Congressional Art Competition exhibit will run through May 4, 2026. The twenty-seven art entries are currently on a limited exhibition located at the third-floor lobby exterior wall. Commissioners are invited to the awards ceremony which will take place on Monday, May 4, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m.
 - Linden and Pine Park Groundbreaking: Friday, May 8, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
 - Senior Health Fair: Friday, May 15 at LPR from 9 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
 - Cultural Activities Arts Grant awardee, Stir Fry Stories, is hosting a creative retreat in Belmont on June 28, 2026. Information will be included in the monthly correspondence.
- Business Manager O'Brien informed the Commission that the Jack Drago Youth Art Internship application is open through May 21, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, Chair Foley adjourned the Cultural Arts Commission meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Submitted by:

Approved by:

Keren Solano
Administrative Assistant II

Peter Foley
Cultural Arts Commission Chair

Approved by the Cultural Arts Commission: ____/____/____