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Arts Advisory Committee Agenda

**Dougherty Station Community Arts Center
Art Studio 1
17011 Bollinger Canyon Road**

**August 19, 2026
7:00 PM
Regular Meeting**

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1. Call To Order/Roll Call

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3. Committee Business

3.1 Approval of June 17, 2026 Meeting Minutes

3.2 Overview of Current Public Art Projects

Staff Report by Adam Chow, Recreation Supervisor

4. Adjourn to Arts Advisory Committee Workshop

4.1 Cultural Growth Grant Program - Committee Members will review and discuss the Cultural Growth Grant Program and provide feedback and recommendations to staff. Staff will incorporate the Committee's recommended changes into the proposed program. The revised program will be presented to the Advisory Committee at a future meeting for final review and approval.

5. Adjourn

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- d. Respect all people that are present.

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- b. Yelling, screaming, or other behavior that renders this Committee unable to continue the meeting;
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City of San Ramon
Arts Advisory Committee Meeting
June 17, 2026
Regular Meeting
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1. Call To Order/Roll Call

Chair Bickel called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Present: Chair Robert Bickel; Vice Chair Ranjini Venkatachari (arrived 7:03 PM); Committee Members Kenn Costanzo, Rob Maser, and Dinesh Govindarao; Alternate Diana Iliaiev.

Absent: Committee Member Andre Nguyen; Alternate Naina Shastri.

Also in attendance: Adam Chow, Parks & Community Services Recreation Supervisor; Ri Thomas, Recreation Coordinator; Andrea Wedewer, Office Technician; and Sridhar Verose, City Council Member.

2. Public Comment Or Written Communication

The committee received no public comments.

3. Committee Business

3.1 Approval of May 20, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

Member Maser's motion to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 20, 2026, was seconded by Member Constanzo. The motion passed 4-0-1-2. Vice Chair Venkatachari and Member Govindarao abstained. Member Nguyen was absent.

3.2 New Youth Poet Laureate Program Discussion

Presentation given by Adam Chow, Recreation Supervisor.

The committee received public comments from Hanunah Al Sabur.

3.3 Arts Advisory Committee Feedback on the 2026 Art & Wind Festival

Presentation given by Adam Chow, Recreation Supervisor.

The committee received public comments from Hanunah Al Sabur and Soren Carlson.

4. Adjournment

Chair Bickel adjourned the meeting at 8:17 PM.



Arts Advisory Committee Staff Report Item No. 3.2

Date: August 19, 2026

To: Arts Advisory Committee

From: Henry Perezalonso, Director
Adam Chow, Recreation Supervisor

Subject: Overview of Current Public Art Projects

Recommendation:

Receive an update regarding upcoming Public Art Projects.

Background:

The Art in Public Places Program was established in 2007 to promote the acquisition, construction, installation, restoration, and maintenance of public art pieces in San Ramon that will foster creativity, freedom of expression, cultural awareness, civic pride, and a strong sense of community. To increase the community's access to public art, the City Council approved CIP 955482 to place public art in public places in San Ramon. The CIP has \$145,405.56 approved in FY26/27 for temporary and permanent public art projects.

Dougherty Station Community Arts Center Signature Public Art Project

The Dougherty Station Community Arts Center Signature Public Art Project will replace the existing monument sign with a signature public art piece that incorporates the facility name. Located at the current monument sign outside the Front Row Theater, the artwork will serve as both a highly visible wayfinding element and a welcoming focal point for visitors entering the campus. The project is intended to create a distinctive landmark that reflects the importance of the Dougherty Station Community Arts Center as a destination for arts and culture in San Ramon.

The project was reviewed by the Arts Advisory Committee (AAC) on July 16, 2025. During that meeting, the AAC provided feedback on the project scope and identified the following priorities:

- A site-specific project that is unique, appropriate to the location, and meaningful to the community
- Reflects the location outside an arts center for a variety of visual and performing arts programs and events
- Elevates the status of the arts center in the community

- A piece that is tall and eye-catching for visibility from the street and sets it apart from the landscaping
- Lighting elements for night visibility, interactivity, and interest
- Appropriate for all ages
- Durability of the artwork relative to vandalism and maintenance

The project was initially anticipated to begin in early 2026. However, the start of this project was deferred as other division priorities took precedence. The project scope remains unchanged from the direction provided by the AAC. Staff anticipates releasing the Call for Artists/Request for Qualifications in fall 2026. Advancing this project remains one of the AAC's established goals for 2026.

Temporary Community Murals

Staff is researching and developing a recommendation for temporary community murals. This concept has been discussed on several occasions and was identified as an action item in the City's 5-Year Cultural Arts Plan. Community murals can transform everyday spaces into vibrant gathering places while creating opportunities for residents to experience public art in new ways and providing artists with a highly visible platform to showcase their work. Staff has been researching potential locations, successful community mural programs, and opportunities to bring temporary murals to San Ramon. The Arts Advisory Committee will receive a detailed recommendation from staff at the September meeting.

Fiscal Impact:

The cost of public art is approved through CIP 955482 and funded through the Public Art Impact Fee in the Public Art Trust Fund. The CIP has an approved \$145,405.56 for FY26/27 for temporary and permanent public art projects.

Alternative Option(s):

This item is informational only.

Next Steps:

Staff will bring the public art projects to the Arts Advisory Committee for feedback and recommendations at appropriate stages of development.

Attachment(s):

None