



CITY OF SAN DIEGO COMMISSION FOR ARTS AND CULTURE
AGENDA

City Administration Building | 12th Floor | Council Chambers
202 C Street, San Diego 92101
October 25, 2024
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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| 1:30 p.m. | I. | Call to Order & Statement of Purpose+Vision | Ann Bossler, Chair |
| 1:32 p.m. | II. | Non-agenda Public Comment | Ann Bossler, Chair |
| 1:40 p.m. | III. | Chair's Reports | Ann Bossler, Chair |
| | | A. ACTION – September 27, 2024 Commission Meeting Minutes | |
| | | B. ACTION – Appointment of Policy & Funding Committee Member | |
| | | C. Other Reports | |
| 2:00 p.m. | IV. | Committee Reports | Tyler Hewes, Committee Chair |
| | | A. Policy & Funding Committee | |
| | | B. Public Art Committee | Keith Opstad, Committee Chair |
| | | 1. ACTION – Final Artwork Proposal for San Carlos Branch Library by RE:Site | |
| | | 2. ACTION – Acquisition of artworks by John Raymond Mireles for Civic Art Collection through the <i>Exposure</i> photo fellowship | |
| | | 3. ACTION – Artist Selection Panelists for the Fire Station 48 Black Mountain Ranch Public Art Project | |
| | | C. Advocacy & Outreach Committee | Becky Phillpott, Committee Chair |
| | | D. Commissioner Engagement Ad Hoc Committee | Fritz Friedman, Ad Hoc Committee Chair |
| 3:00 p.m. | V. | Director's Report | Jonathon Glus, Director |
| 3:15 p.m. | VI. | New Business for Future Agendas | Ann Bossler, Chair |
| 3:20 p.m. | VII. | Commissioner Visits – What arts, culture and creative experiences have you had this month | Ann Bossler, Chair |
| 3:30 p.m. | VIII. | Adjourn | Ann Bossler, Chair |

VISION: Expanding our world by celebrating creativity in San Diego

PURPOSE: The City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture serves in an advisory capacity to the Mayor and City Council on promoting, encouraging and increasing support for the region's artistic and cultural assets, integrating arts and culture into community life and showcasing San Diego as an international tourist destination.

Meetings will be recorded. PUBLIC COMMENT: Any member of the public may address the Committee on any agenda item during agenda item public comment, or on any matter not presently pending or previously discussed at the Committee that is within the Committee's area of responsibility during non-agenda public comment. Each public comment speaker is limited to three (3) minutes. In addition to in-person attendance, members of the public may submit their comments via a public comment [webform](#), or they may join the meeting as a "webinar attendee" at the link provided in the [Commission or Committee meeting website](#). For members of the public wishing to address the Committee under Public Comment via the [webform](#) prior to the meeting, instructions for word limitations and deadlines will be noted on the [webform](#). As required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), requests for agenda information to be made available in alternative formats, and any requests for disability-related modifications or accommodations required to facilitate meeting participation, including requests for alternatives to observing meetings and offering public comment as noted above, may be made by contacting the City Clerk at (619) 533-4000 or <mailto:cityclerk@sandiego.gov>. The City is committed to resolving accessibility requests swiftly in order to maximize accessibility.



Commission for Arts and Culture

City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture

MINUTES

September 27, 2024

Hyperlink to view full meeting available [here](#).

Commissioners Present

Ann Bossler, Chair
Tyler Hewes, Vice Chair
Kamaal Martin
Keith Opstad
Lee Ann Kim
Imani Robinson
Fritz Friedman
Dajahn Blevins
Dennis Doan
Becky Phillipott
Udoka Nwanna

Commissioners Absent

Abe Hughes
Alberto Pulido
Alessandra Moctezuma

Staff Present

Jonathon Glus
Christine E. Jones
Charles Miller
Bell Reza
Olivia Jones
Lara Bullock
Gabrielle Romberger

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- I. **Call to Order & Statement of Purpose & Vision | [View Here](#)** –Chair Ann Bossler called the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture online meeting to order at 1:35 p.m. Chair Bossler took roll call to confirm Commissioner attendance and called on Commissioner Doan to read the Commissions Statement of Purpose & Vision.
- II. **Non-agenda Public Comment |[View Here](#)**
- III. **Chair’s Reports | [View Here](#)**
- A. **ACTION** –September 6, 2024 Commission Meeting Minutes
Commissioner Tyler Hewes made a motion to approve, Commissioner Fritz Friedman seconded the motion. Commissioner Keith Opstad obtained. The motion passed.
 - B. Other Reports

- IV. **Presentations | [View Here](#)**
A. Big Bay Boom Overview | H.P. “Sandy” Purdon, Founder/Executive Producer, Port of San Diego Big Bay Boom July 4th Fireworks Show
B. Annual Operating Income (AOI) Overview
- V. **Committee Reports | [View Here](#)**
A. Policy & Funding Committee | Tyler Hewes, Committee Chair
B. Public Art Committee | Keith Opstad, Committee Chair
C. Advocacy and Outreach Committee | Becky Phillipott, Committee Chair
D. Commissioner Engagement Ad Hoc Committee | Fritz Friedman, Ad Committee Chair
- VIII. **Director’s Report’s | [View Here](#)**
Director Jonathon Glus provided an overview of current projects.
- IX. **Adjourn** – Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.



Commission for Arts and Culture

CHAIR'S REPORT

DATE ISSUED: October 24, 2024

ATTENTION: Commission for Arts and Culture

CONTACT: Ann Bossler, Commission Chair

SUBJECT: Appointment of Policy & Funding Committee Member

REFERENCES: [Commission's Rules and Regulations, September 23, 2016](#)

ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the appointment of Commissioner Keith Opstad for the first one-year term as member of the Policy & Funding Committee.

SUMMARY:

Due to the departure of Commissioner Tracy Dezenzo from the Commission for Arts and Culture, there is a need to fill a vacant seat on the Policy & Funding Committee. Commissioner Keith Opstad will be appointed.

Pursuant to the Commission's *Rules and Regulations*, "The Commission Chair will appoint, and the Commission will approve the members of each committee."

Biography for the Policy & Funding Committee Appointee:

Keith Opstad is an award-winning artist, art educator and two-time teacher of the year. He graduated from Poway High School, earned his bachelor's degree and single subject teaching credential in Art Education at California State University, Long Beach and master's degree from George Washington University in Educational Technology Leadership. Keith is a lifelong supporter of the visual and performing arts and has 27 years of teaching experience in the Poway Unified School District where he is currently teaching Drawing & Painting and Advanced Placement Studio Art at Westview High School while serving as the department chairperson. He is a second-generation educator in the Poway Unified School District where his family has a combined 67 years of teaching and administration experience. Keith's passion for the arts and arts education is inspirational, contagious and reaches far beyond the classroom. He has taught over 7,000 students that consistently produce some of the highest quality artwork throughout San Diego County and beyond. They have been displayed at the San Diego Museum of Art, United States Department of Education, Groff Exhibit, City Hall, Blick Art Store and San Diego County Fair. He believes that the arts are as profoundly important as the core academic subjects and each and every student benefits from the critical thinking, non-cognitive skills, team building, and problem-solving activities experienced through arts education. Keith is a working artist that has been painting murals in San Diego for over 30 years. He has trained former students to work with clients, complete commissions, sell original artwork and paint a straight line on stucco. When not teaching, painting or sculpting, he enjoys supporting local, working artists and attending arts and

cultural activities. Keith Opstad lives in Scripps Ranch with his wife Erica and son Blake.

**2024 COMMISSION COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENTS**

| COMMITTEE | | OFFICERS | | COMMISSIONERS | | COMMUNITY MEMBERS | |
|--|---|-------------------|--|----------------------------|---|--------------------------|--|
| EXECUTIVE (Standing) | Chair: Ann Bossler Vice Chair: Tyler Hewes | (Min: 5 - Max: 7) | Keith Opstad Fritz Friedman Becky Phillipott | | N/A | | |
| Policy & Funding (Standing) | Chair: Tyler Hewes Vice Chair: Lee Ann Kim | (Min: 5 - Max: 7) | Kamaal Martin Alberto Lopez Pulido Abe Hughes Keith Opstad (Seat previously held by Tracy Dezenzo) | | N/A | | |
| Public Art (Standing) | Chair: Keith Opstad Vice Chair: Fritz Friedman | (Min: 3 - Max: 5) | Abe Hughes Alessandra Moctezuma Imani Robinson Dennis Doan | (Total Req'd: 6) | Wayne Holtan Francisco Morales Denise Roger Andrew Alcasid Amy Sanchez Arteaga Rachel Jans | | |
| Advocacy & Outreach (Standing) | Chair: Becky Phillipott Vice Chair: Dajahn Blevins | (Min: 5 - Max: 7) | Alberto Lopez Pulido Kamaal Martin Imani Robinson (Vacant) | (Total Allowed: Unlimited) | | | |
| Commissioner Engagement (Ad Hoc) | Chair: Fritz Friedman Vice Chair: Udoka Nwanna | (Min: 5 - Max: 7) | Keith Opstad Abe Hughes Alessandra Moctezuma | | N/A | | |

Pursuant to the Commission for Arts and Culture's *Rules and Regulations*, the Commission Chair will cause the functions, structures, memberships, and officers of the Commission's committees to be reviewed, updated, and approved by the Commission. The Commission Chair will nominate for Commission approval the members and officers of each committee. Efforts have been made to appoint each Commissioner to a committee, committees, and/or other assignments of her/his preference, including leadership positions. Each Commissioner has been assigned to at least one committee.



Commission for Arts and Culture

COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE ISSUED: October 23, 2024

ATTENTION: Commission for Arts and Culture

SUBJECT: Final Artwork Proposal by RE:site for San Carlos Branch Library

REFERENCES: 1) [Department of Cultural Affairs Department Instruction 1.00 – Collection Management Policy for the Civic Art Collection](#)
2) Final Artwork Proposal Package

STAFF CONTACT: Lara Bullock, Ph.D., Civic Art Project Manager

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend that the Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs accept the Final Artwork Proposal by RE:site in fulfillment of the City of San Diego's (City) collecting mission, collection scope and accession criteria as established in Section 5 – Collecting Mission, Section 6 – Scope of the Collection and Section 8.2 – Accession Criteria of the Department Instruction 1.00 – *Collection Management Policy for the Civic Art Collection*.

SUMMARY:

Artist RE:site was commissioned to design, fabricate and transport permanent, site-specific artwork for the San Carlos Branch Library and consult during installation of artwork at the site by the City. The San Carlos Branch Library project involves the design and construction of a new 25,000 square-foot library with a LEED Gold certification. The new library will replace the existing 8,200 square-foot San Carlos Branch Library located at 7265 Jackson Drive. Domusstudio architecture of San Diego is designing the new library. The artist has collaborated closely with Domusstudio.

On June 14, 2024, RE:site presented their preliminary artwork idea to the Public Art Committee (PAC) for feedback. PAC also provided feedback on the artist's schematic artwork proposal on August 9, 2024. On October 11, 2024, the artist's final artwork proposal was presented to PAC. At the meeting, PAC voted (7,0,0) to recommend to the Commission that the Executive Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs accept the final artwork proposal by the artist in fulfillment of the City's collecting mission, collection scope and accession criteria. In addition to PAC's feedback, the final artwork proposal is informed by suggestions from the public, the City's Library Department, and other various City departments.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

This project is funded by the City as set forth in *City of San Diego Council Policy 900-11 – Inclusion of Public Art in Selected Capital Improvements program Projects*.

SAN CARLOS BRANCH LIBRARY

PUBLIC ART FINAL DESIGN 09.26.24

RE:site | Shane Allbritton and Norman Lee

Statement & Inspiration

As artists, we draw on a site's cultural landscape to generate strong narrative concepts that resonate with local meanings, but also transform and transcend the familiar. Our work is about making connections between themes and ideas that are not typically seen as related, but in fact have deep resonances that converge in a site-specific context. Our proposal for the new San Carlos Branch Library embodies this approach. We are inspired by the native wildflower super blooms around San Carlos and at Mission Trails Regional Park. Just as a wildflower field is a diverse expression of beauty, composed of a variety of colors, forms, and species that flourish and coexist, the community of San Carlos embraces and celebrates its multicultural identity.

Interweaving themes of nature and cultural diversity, the artwork features an expansive lenticular wall that is dimensionally layered based on the topographic lines of nearby Cowles Mountain. The topographic bands are articulated by stylized imagery of various indigenous wildflowers. As viewers move past the wall, the colors of the wildflowers dynamically shift and change from how we see the colors as humans to other colors, revealing the spectrum of colors experienced by various native animal species of San Carlos. This becomes a poetic metaphor reflecting the new library as a community space that helps us see the world anew, from other people's perspectives, through multicultural community events and educational programming. Engaging viewers as active participants in the work itself, the artwork provides an interactive, dynamically changing artwork that requires no maintenance, technology, or power requirements.

Documentation of Community Input/Outcomes

April 12, 2024 - Meet the Artist Event

Upon our initial visit to San Carlos to meet board members and other community attendees we were given strong input regarding the ethos of San Carlos. Our concept was developed with this input as a point of departure, supported by our experience walking Cowles Mountain trail and further research into the wildlife and indigenous vegetation of the area. What stood out to us from the meeting and served as inspiration for the artwork, were the numerous reasons people moved to the area and stayed. Featuring the largest urban natural park in the country, nature, history, and diversity were the most discussed topics. Families moved and stayed here for multiple generations because of its natural, accessible beauty, wild west sensitivity, and tight-knit multicultural community. All points of pride, we wanted to create an artwork that integrated all of these themes in a meaningful way as a welcome statement to the community library. Aesthetically, the montage of vibrant, local flowers and vegetation is a cross section of nature on the surface of what attracts people to this place. This imagery is printed on lenticular material that will visually change as the viewer moves past it to reveal color variations reflecting what the local animals see. This is a gesture of diverse viewpoints and biodiversity, co-inhabiting the same place and living in harmony. These two viewpoints would be interlaced and constantly changing. The forms these images occupy are cropped into the topographic levels of Cowles Mountain, a jewel of the city that locals will be able to identify.

June 14, 2024 - Public Art Committee Meeting

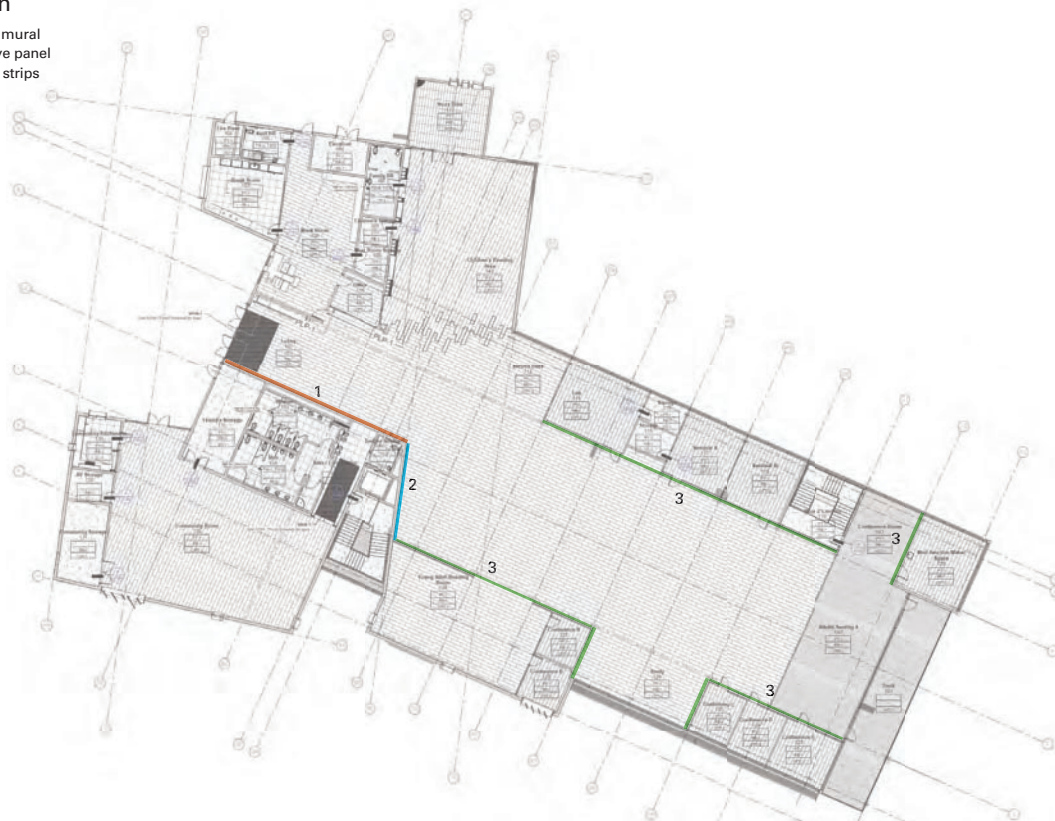
After meeting with stakeholders to hear feedback for the concept we understood it was well received. There was a request to make this dimensional and we agree that a few inches would enhance the presence, although it should remain well under the ADA regulation of 4" off the wall. There was a discussion about adding human faces to the composition to show diversity. After studying this further we felt strongly that the concept was representing diversity through visually clever concepts without being direct. We wanted this to maintain the purity of an abstract artwork rather than anything that could appear as an advertisement. There was strong interest in spreading the artwork around the space however we feel the effort should be focused on the quality of the singular statement at the very large entrance wall. Per request we did add an interpretive element that could incorporate programming content that aligns with other libraries that will include more information about biodiversity and relate to the flora and fauna used in the artwork.

August 23, 2024 - Schematic Design Review

The artwork was widely accepted and well received. There was a strong push to develop work in other locations throughout the space. After reviewing the space we have added artworks to the header strips above the study room entrances that follow the same lenticular conceptual logic as the large mural only shifting the scenery to different atmospheric skies and how the color may alter through the eyes of various species. We have reached out to Annelise Ryan at Kumeeyaay Community College for guidance on specific species selections. This document does not reflect the final choices of species with regards to her input.

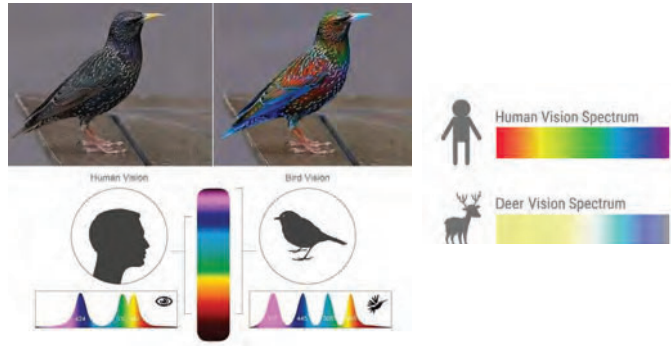
Site plan

- 1. Lenticular mural
- 2. Interpretive panel
- 3. Lenticular strips



Inspiration: Color perception in animals

Many animals can perceive at least as many colors as humans and some even see into ultraviolet, including birds, bees, and fish.



Materiality: Lenticular

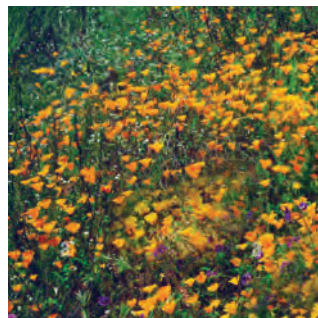
Individual lenticular panels with flower-specific color palettes are printed and mounted to a design-optimized substrate to attach to the entry wall

Lenticular effect videos:

<https://vimeo.com/388536306>

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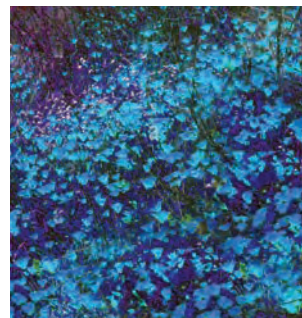
Human Vision



Lenticular color-change when a visitor walks past the wall



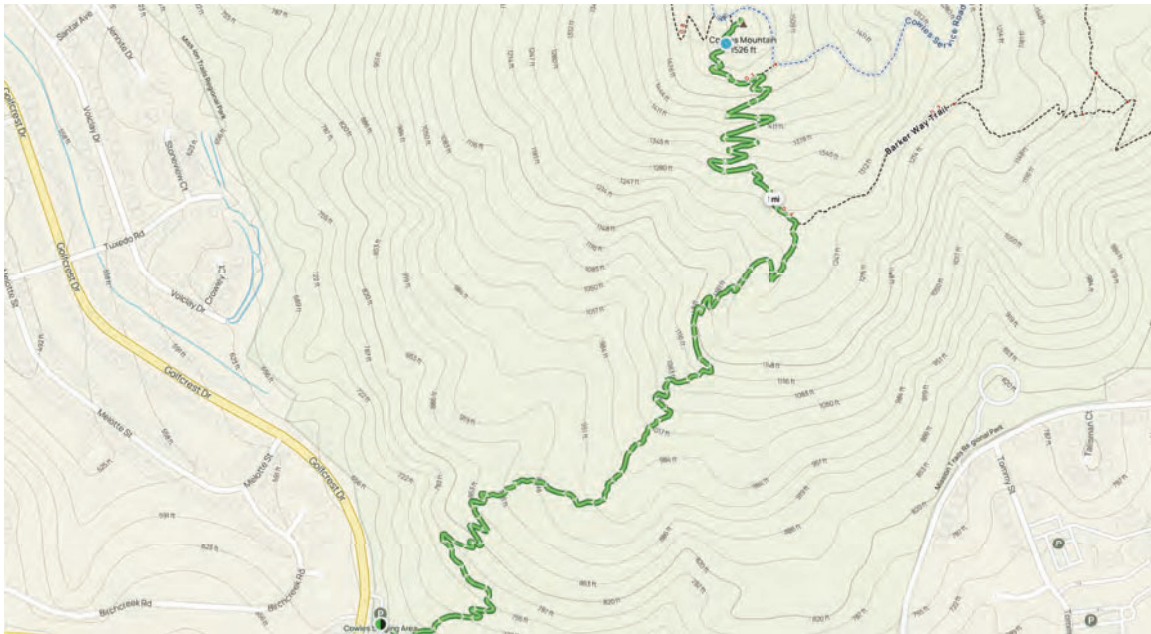
Animal Vision



Example:



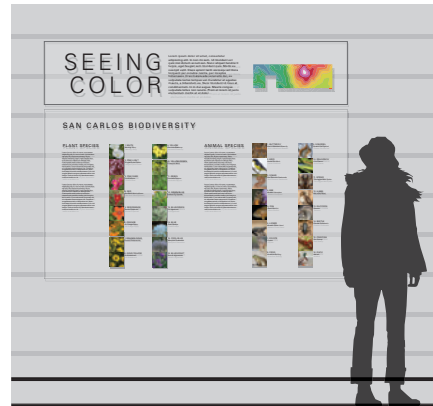
Research Site: Mission Trails Topography



Elevations

- 1. Lenticular mural
- 2. Interpretive panel

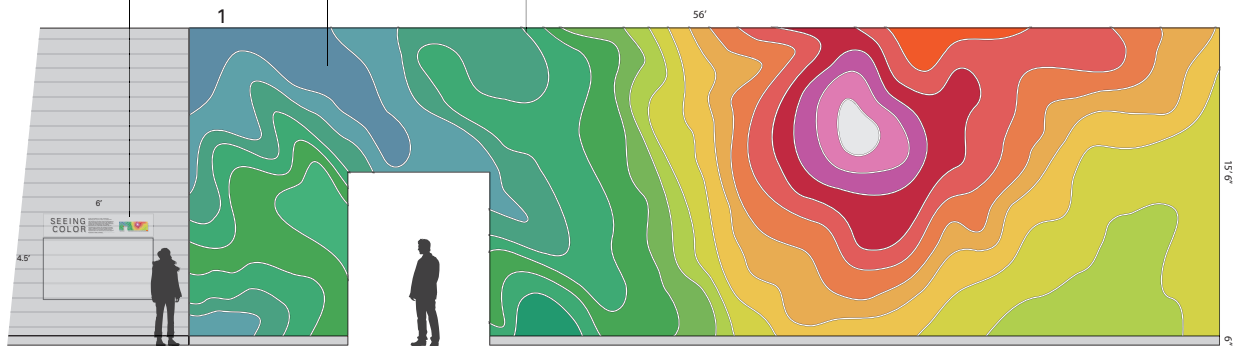
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Supplemental interpretive acrylic panels will mount to the concrete wall

Irregular lenticular profile HDU forms extrude from wall 2"

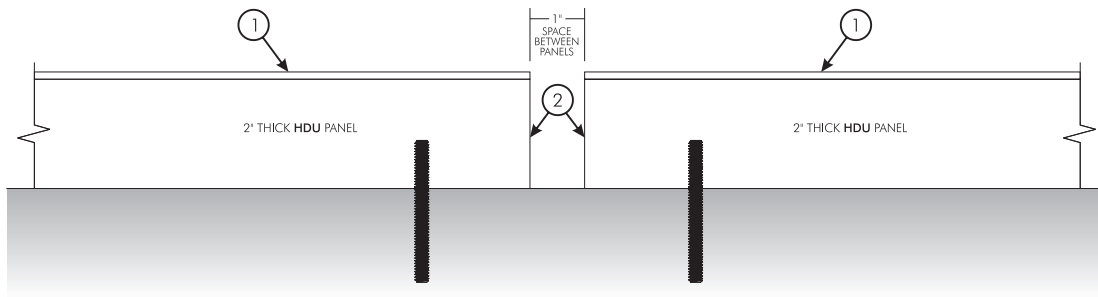
1" gap between the dimensional forms



1/8"=1'

Typical Section

Artwork extends 2" beyond the wall, no ADA intervention required



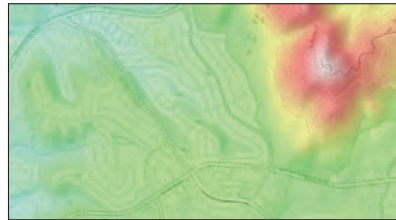
TYPICAL SECTION
SCALE: 1/2" = 1"

1. .133" THICK LENTICULAR PLASTIC; ATTACHED TO HDU WITH TAPE & SILICONE
2. 2" THICK HDU; EXPOSED EDGES SANDED AND PAINTED; ATTACHED TO WALL WITH STUDS AND SILICONE

HDU= High Density Urethane

Graphics

Representation of human and animal vision interlaced
IMAGE IS FOR REPRESENTATION ONLY

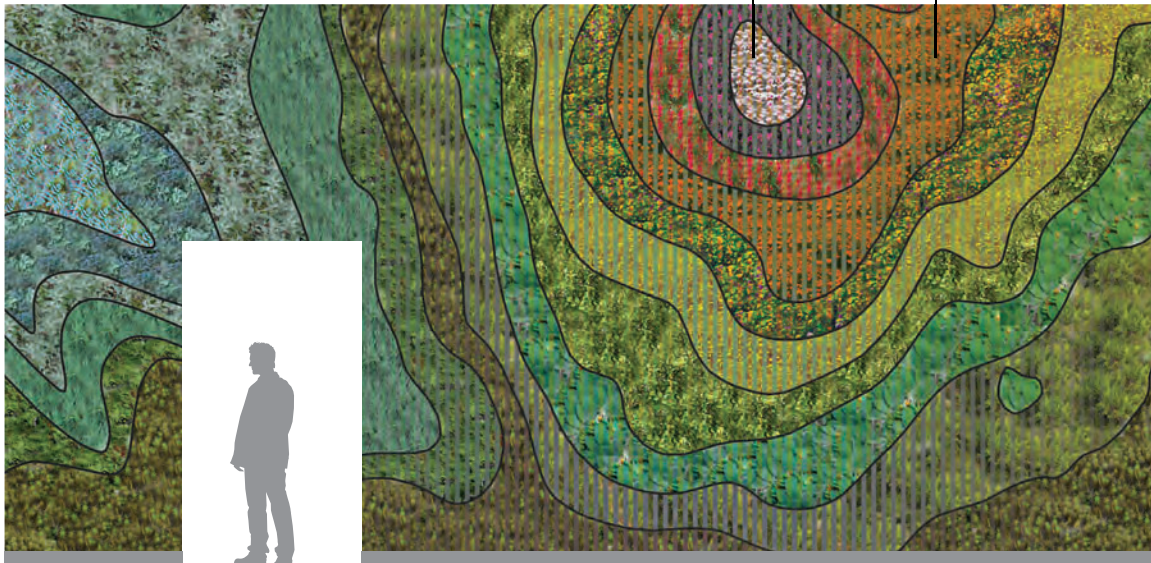


Vegetation creates a terrain heat map



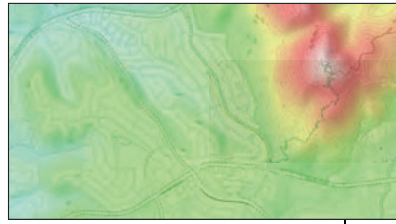
Sample of flowers from Mission Trails Regional Park

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Representation of human and animal vision interlaced
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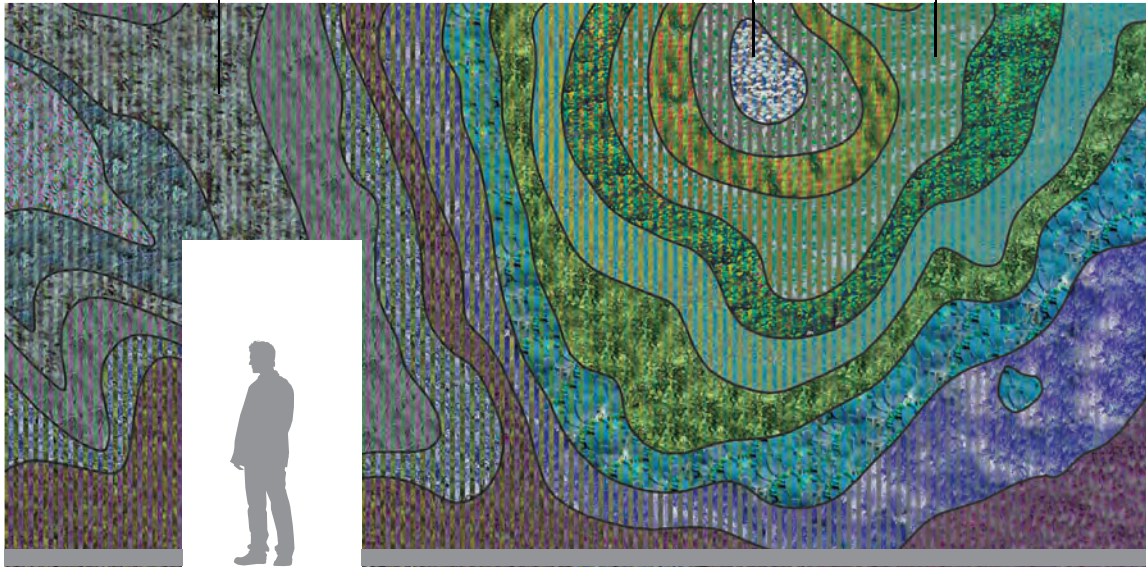
Vegetation creates a terrain heat map

Visual change in color, contrast, or inverted. Final color changes will be studied further to align with a variation of local wildlife.



Sample of flowers from Mission Trails Regional Park

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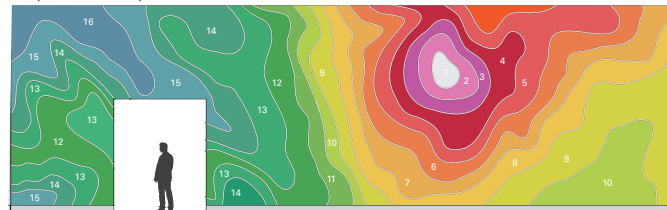


Plant Species Selections

16 Plant species

Plant selection are all native to Mission Trails Regional Park, to be refined during creation process and vetted by local experts

Key is for location only



1. WHITE
Morning Glory



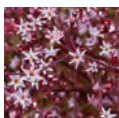
5. RED/ORANGE
Scarlet Pimpernel



9. YELLOW
Bermuda Buttercup



13. BLUE/GREEN
CA Sagebrush



2. PINK LIGHT
Fringed Spine Flower



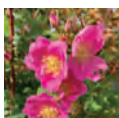
6. ORANGE
CA Orange Poppy



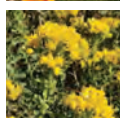
10. YELLOW/GREEN
Pineapple Weed



14. BLUE
Chalk Duedeya



3. PINK DARK
CA Wild Rose



7. ORANGE/GOLD
Coastal Goldenbrush



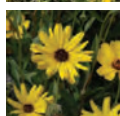
11. GREEN
Umbrella Papyrus



15. COOL BLUE
Woolyleaf Ceanothus



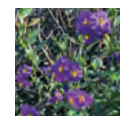
4. RED
Red Bush Monkeyflower



8. GOLD/YELLOW
CA Brittlebrush



12. GREEN/BLUE
Indiana Fig Opuntia

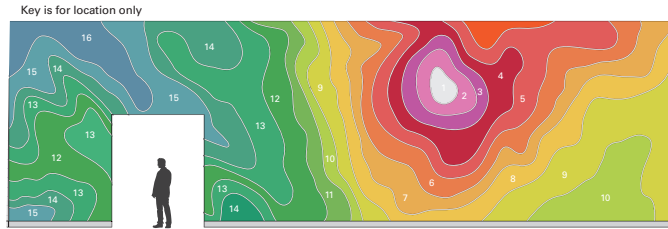


16. BLUE/VIOLET
Parish's Nightshade

Animal Species Selections

15 Animal species

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1. BUTTERFLY
Behr's Metalmark Butterfly



5. FISH
Green Sunfish



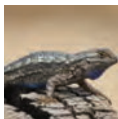
9. SQUIRREL
Eastern Fox Squirrel



13. RACCOON
Raccoon



2. BIRD
Lesser Goldfinch



6. LIZARD
Western Fence Lizard



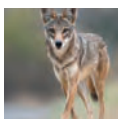
10. DRAGONFLY
Vivid Dancer



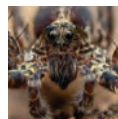
14. BEETLE
Eleodes Carbonaria



3. SNAKE
Red Diamond Rattlesnake



7. COYOTE
Coyote



11. SPIDER
Thin-legged Wolf Spider



15. CRAYFISH
Red Swamp



4. BEE
Western Honeybee



8. FROG
American Bullfrog



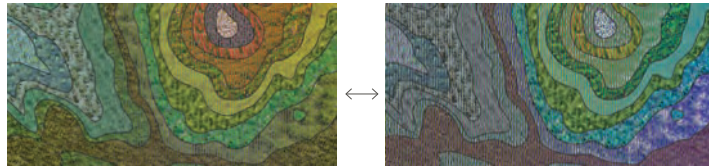
12. HAWK
Red-tailed Hawk



16. DUCK
Mallard

Multi-tile wall installation

Lenticular color-change panels



Color will transition between the interlaced two-flip lenticular, changing depending on viewing angle

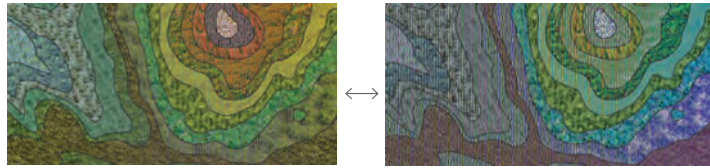
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Interpretive Panel
Biodiversity of San Carlos
Color Perception

Multi-tile wall installation

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Commission for Arts and Culture

COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE ISSUED: October 23, 2024

ATTENTION: Commission for Arts and Culture

SUBJECT: Artist Selection Panelists for Fire Station 48 Black Mountain Ranch Public Art Project

STAFF CONTACT: Charles G. Miller, Senior Public Art Manager

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend the following panelists for the Fire Station 48 Black Mountain Ranch Public Art Project: 1) Wayne Holton for the seat of the Public Art Committee member, with Francisco Eme as an alternate; 2) Jessica McCambly for the seat of the visual art/design professional with recommended alternates, in no particular order, to serve as two of the five ad hoc artist selection panelists.

SUMMARY:

City of San Diego staff will administer the artist selection process related to the upcoming public art project for Fire Station 48 Black Mountain Ranch. The artist selected for the project through the competitive process will work with the City and the design/build team to create a permanent, site-specific artwork for the new fire station. Artwork can be incorporated into the construction project in many ways and there are a variety of possible approaches to art-making. The anticipated artist budget for the public art project is approximately \$150,000. The public art project is funded by the City as set forth in *City Council Policy 900-11 - Inclusion of Public Art in Selected Capital Improvements program Projects*.

The artist selection panel will be composed of five voting members: one member of the Commission's Public Art Committee, a visual art/design professional, a community member, a client department representative and the City's design consultant. City staff members will attend the panel meetings as non-voting advisors. The Public Art Committee is authorized to make recommendations for the appointment of two of the five panel seats for the public art project.

In December of 2021, the PAC and Commission took action to recommend two of the five panel seats for this public art project. The project was then put on hold by the City. In the intervening time, the PAC members recommended in December of 2021 to serve as panelists and alternates no longer serve as members of the PAC. Therefore, on October 11, 2024 the Public Art Committee voted (9,0,0) to recommend Wayne Holton for the seat of the Public Art Committee Member, with Francisco Eme as an alternate, and Jessica McCambly for the seat of the visual art/design professional with recommended alternates, in no particular order, to serve as two of the five ad hoc artist ad hoc artist selection panelists.

Panel Seat 2

Jessica McCambly, Artist and Professor at San Diego Miramar College

Jessica McCambly is an artist based in San Diego, CA. She earned an MFA in Painting and Drawing from the University of North Texas, College of Visual Arts and Design and is Professor of Art at Miramar College. McCambly's work has been exhibited at various galleries and institutions, including Kenise Barnes Fine Art, Holly Johnson Gallery, 500X, Helmuth Projects, and The Dallas Contemporary. Her work was selected for inclusion in both the Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego's *Here Not There: San Diego Art Now* and *Women and Abstraction* at the Cornell Museum of Fine Arts. In addition, McCambly's work was featured in *New American Paintings Juried Exhibitions-in-Print*, No. 109,

Pacific Coast Issue. McCambly is represented by commercial art galleries Kenise Barnes Fine Art and The Orange Advisory.

Should the Visual Art/Design Professional be unable to serve on the panel specified above, City staff recommends that the following alternates be contacted in no specific order:

- Leah Goodwin, CEO Leah Goodwin Creations, San Diego
- Alena J. Williams, Art Historian and Assistant Professor, University of California, San Diego
- Danielle Dean, Artist and Assistant Professor, University of California, San Diego
- Elizabeth D. Miller, Art Historian and adjunct professor, University of California, San Diego
- Tatiana Ortiz Rubio, Artist and Adjunct Professor, University of San Diego
- Rebecca Romani, Writer, Filmmaker, Curator, Adjunct Professor, San Diego State University
- Chantel Paul, Gallery Director, San Diego State University
- Hugh M. Davies, Director Emeritus, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego
- John C. Welchman, Professor of Art History, University of California, San Diego
- Lissa Corona, Artist and Art Teacher, La Jolla Country Day School
- Tina Yapelli, Professor of Museum Studies, San Diego State University
- Roxana Velásquez, Maruja Baldwin Executive Director, San Diego Museum of Art
- Lauren Lockhart, Executive Director, La Jolla Historical Society
- Hector Perez, Architect and Educator
- Kathryn Kanjo, David C. Copley Director and CEO, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego
- Jordan Karney Chaim, Curator, Institute of Contemporary Art San Diego
- Mathieu Gregoire, Artist, Project Manager, Stuart Collection, University of California, San Diego
- Chi Essary, Arts Writer and Independent Curator
- Michael Krichman, Executive Director, inSite
- Christie Mitchell, Executive Director, Athenaeum Music & Arts Library
- Tomoko Kuta, Senior Director of Education and Visitor Services, San Diego Botanic Garden
- Megan Dickerson, Director of Exhibitions, Birch Aquarium Scripps
- Andrew Ütt, Executive Director, Institute of Contemporary Art San Diego
- Wendy Maruyama, Artist and Professor Emeritus at San Diego State University
- Jill Dawsey, Curator, Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego
- Mark-Elliott Lugo, Art Writer and Independent Curator
- Vicki Reed, Arts Writer, Critic and Art Historian
- Lynda Forsha, Independent Curator and Art Advisor
- Mary Beebe, Director Emeritus of the Stuart Collection, University of California, San Diego
- Vallo Riberto, Independent Curator
- Anita Feldman, Deputy Director, Curatorial Affairs & Education, San Diego Museum of Art
- Dinah Poellnitz, Co-Founder, Hill Street Country Club
- Leah Ollman, Arts Critic and Writer
- Ladan Akbarnia, Curator of South Asian and Islamic Art, San Diego Museum of Art
- Sara Solaimani, Art Historian, Curator, and Educator
- Victoria Fu, Artist and Associate Professor of Film/Video Art, University of San Diego
- Perry Vasquez, Artist and Professor of Art, Southwestern College
- Sarah Trujillo-Porter, Director of Operations, Institute of Contemporary Art San Diego
- Sally Yard, Professor of Art History, University of San Diego
- Robert L. Pincus, Art Critic and Writer
- Guusje Sanders, Curator, Mingei International Museum
- Kara West, Librarian, Gensler
- Tiffany Wai-Ying Beres, Manager, Arts Program, San Diego County Regional Airport Authority
- Larry Herzog, Urban Planner and Professor Emeritus, San Diego State University
- Linda Caballero-Sotelo, Executive Director and Chief Curator, New Americans Museum
- Alex DeCosta, Director, Hyde Art Gallery, Grossmont College
- Lisa Hutton, Artist, Professor of Art at Grossmont College

COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE ISSUED: October 23, 2024

ATTENTION: Commission for Arts and Culture

SUBJECT: Acquisition of Artworks for Civic Art Collection through the *Exposure* photo fellowship

REFERENCES: 1) [San Diego Municipal Code Section 26.0722 – Control of Artworks](#)
2) [Commission for Arts and Culture Department Instruction 1.00 – Collection Management Policy for the Civic Art Collection](#)
3) List of Artworks for Acquisition

STAFF CONTACT: Charles G. Miller, Senior Public Art Manager

PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Recommend to the City of San Diego (City) the acquisition of five artworks through the *Exposure* photo fellowship (Fellowship) for inclusion in the Civic Art Collection, per the requirements of the Fellowship.

SUMMARY:

The City issued the Request for Qualifications for *Exposure*, the City's first-ever municipal photo fellowship designed to provide a platform for artists to explore civic and social issues facing San Diego through the medium of photography, on March 1, 2023. John Raymond Mireles was the artist selected through a competitive process for the pilot *Exposure* fellowship 2023-2024 to serve as the photo fellow for the City's *Welcoming San Diego* initiative. In collaboration with the City's Office of Immigrant Affairs, Mireles created a temporary project and representative body of photographic artwork for the City's Civic Art Collection in support of the *Welcoming San Diego* initiative, designed to advance the civic, social, and economic integration of immigrants in the most vibrant cross-border mega-region in North America.

Titled *The New Colossus*, Mireles' temporary project comprises a series of conceptually distinct exhibitions installed in the City Administration Building and at eight library branches throughout the City. The exhibitions and installations that make up *The New Colossus* feature over 70 photographic environmental portraits of foreign-born and second-generation San Diegans from a diverse cross-section of San Diego's immigrant communities, captured by Mireles in the fall of 2023 and winter of 2024. The five artworks recommended by City staff for acquisition into the Civic Art Collection are representative selections from *The New Colossus* exhibitions and meet the criteria contained in Section 8.2 – Accession Criteria of the Commission for Arts and Culture Department Instruction 1.00 – *Collection Management Policy for the Civic Art Collection*.

The artworks acquired by the City through the Fellowship will become part of the Civic Art Collection and will be installed in public places where San Diegans, visitors, and City employees can view and enjoy them. The public places for artwork display encompass a broad range of uses and may include, but are not limited, civic buildings, libraries, recreation centers, fire stations, etc.

The Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs will consider the recommendation from City staff, the Public Art Committee, and the Commission before deciding whether to pursue acquisition of the proposed artworks.

On October 11, 2024, the Public Art Committee voted (8,0,1) to advise the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture to recommend to the City the acquisition of five artworks through the *Exposure* photo fellowship for inclusion in the Civic Art Collection, per the requirements of the Fellowship.

FISCAL CONSIDERATIONS:

The total budget for the fellowship is \$75,000, including acquisition of five artworks. The fellowship is made possible through the City and a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Mireles, John Raymond



Title: *Myra, of Mexican Descent (From Homage)*

Year: 2024

Medium: Solvent ink print on cellulose paper in unique frame, edition 1 of 2

Dimensions: Approx. 30" x 40"

Mireles, John Raymond



Title: *Berdine and Amand, Haiti (From In Their Own Words)*

Year: 2024

Medium: Unique solvent ink print on cellulose paper with applied hand lettering, framed

Dimensions: Approx. 30" x 40"

Mireles, John Raymond



Title: *Bibiche, Republic of Congo (From The Golden Age)*

Year: 2024

Medium: Unique solvent ink print on cellulose paper in unique frame

Dimensions: Approx. 35" x 30"

Mireles, John Raymond



Title: *Rosa Owner of Power Tires, Mexico (From Main Street USA)*

Year: 2024

Medium: Solvent ink print on cellulose paper, framed, edition 1 of 5

Dimensions: Approx. 30" x 40"

Mireles, John Raymond



IN LAOS, WE EXPERIENCED THE SECRET WAR
- OUR VERSION OF THE VIETNAM WAR - WHERE
THE COMMUNISTS FOUGHT THE ROYAL LAO REGIME.
MY FATHER WAS A POLICE CHIEF FOR THE OLD REGIME
SO HE WAS SENT TO A RE-EDUCATION CAMP WHEN THE COMMUNISTS TOOK
OVER. WE FLEW TO SAN DIEGO WHERE EVENTUALLY WE RECEIVED POLITICAL ASYLUM.
THERE, I PURSUED MY DREAM OF RUNNING MY OWN BUSINESS BY OPENING THE LAO GIFT
SHOP, A STORE THAT SOLD TRADITIONAL ITEMS FROM LAOS. WITH IT, I WAS HAPPY TO
CREATE COMMUNITY AND CONNECT TO OUR LAO HOMETLAND.
- SONENARY, LAOS

Title: Sonenary and Sourita, Laos (From In Their Own Words)

Year: 2024

Medium: Unique solvent ink print on cellulose paper with applied hand lettering, framed

Dimensions: Approx. 30" x 40"