



**DRAFT MINUTES  
FINE ARTS COMMISSION AND  
LIBRARY COMMISSION**

Monday, May 24, 2021

**LIBRARY COMMISSION MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER**

At 5:00 p.m., Chair Pan called the meeting to order via remote teleconference.

**ROLL CALL**

Fine Arts Commissioners:

Sudha Kasamsetty, Janki Chokshi, Satish Tare, Esha Rao, Diana Matley

Library Commissioners:

Qin Pan, Rahul Vasanth, Liyan Zhao

City/County Staff:

Joanne Magrini, Dianne Thompson, Roger Lee, Susan Michael, Whitney Zeller,  
Kelsey Christian, Clare Varesio, Jennifer Weeks

Presenters:

Eilish Cullen, Jay Manzo

Absent:

Sheela Sreekanth, Archana Panda

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

4. Subject: Design Options for the Donor wall and Art Wall in the Courtyard of the Cupertino Library.

Recommended Action: Receive a presentation and provide input on design options for the donor wall and art wall in the courtyard for the Cupertino Library.

Capital Improvement Programs Manager, Susan Michael, and project consultant, Eilish Cullen, provided a presentation on the item including three options for the donor wall and two options for the art wall.

Commissioner Matley commented that the option for the donor wall with the floating leaves could present a hazard and noted it is important to keep the bench for additional seating. She shared she is pleased to see the City pursuing something unique and that the donor wall and art wall will be great enhancements.

Vice Chair Chokshi added that the option with the floating leaves is an environmental hazard if it is not carefully installed, that birds will sit on it and that it should not have sharp corners.

Commissioner Matley commented in favor of donor wall option one to have lighting in the courtyard, as many people use the library in the evening. She noted there should be lighting on the art wall as well.

Chair Kasamsetty commented in favor of option two for the art wall.

Vice Chair Chokshi also commented in favor of option two for the art wall.

Chair Pan commented in favor of option one for the donor wall and noted that option two was too busy and option three was ok. She commented in favor of option two for the art wall.

Orrin Mahoney provided public comment and noted the goals of the Library Foundation and recommended considering the modularity of the donor wall options. He commented in favor of options 1B or 3B.

Commissioner Matley recommended including oak trees with Option 2A to have a natural feel.

Chair Kasamsetty commented that option 1A would be overpowering in the space with its dimensions.

Chair Pan shared that the VA hospital has a similar art installation to option 1A.

Commissioner Zhao commented that option 1A would be nice to see it change with the light throughout the day.

Commissioner Matley commented that the art wall and the donor wall should reflect one another and look cohesive in the provided space. She added that she is happy to have the opportunity to bring art to the community and the library.

Chair Pan and Commissioner Zhao commented in favor of option 1A following discussion.

Chair Kasamsetty agreed with pursuing option 1A, so long as it is subtle and does not overpower the space. She recommended option 1D or 3D for the donor wall.

Vice Chair Chokshi recommended option 1D for the donor wall and was ok with option 1A for the art wall, so long as the materials are environmentally friendly.

Commissioner Matley commented in favor of options 1D and 1A. She agreed, the art wall and the donor wall should not overpower the space and wants it to be a single piece in terms of the feel.

Vice Chair Vasanth commented in favor of option 1D and its lighting aspect, appreciates 3D and how it ties in with 2A, but prefers 2A for the art wall.

Commissioner Tare commented in favor of options 1D and 1A.

Commissioner Rao commented in favor of options 1D and 1A.

Commissioner Zhao commented in favor of option 2D and likes that it is interesting, but understands the safety concerns and is ok with option 1D.

Chair Kasamsetty requested to see different views of option 1A with a more subtle picture.

Vice Chair Chokshi agreed additional images would help to decide.

Commissioners thanked staff for their presentation.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Kasamsetty adjourned the meeting 6:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Whitney Zeller, Administrative Assistant  
*Minutes approved at the \_\_\_\_\_ meeting.*