



**San Antonio Arts Commission
Public Art Committee
Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, September 5, 2024
10:00 A.M. | Virtual**

Members Present	Members Absent	Staff
Freda Facey* - Committee Chair	Yadhira Lozano* - D3 Commissioner	Lisa Biediger
René Barilleaux* - Commission Chair, Mayoral	Jacqueline Pugh	Krystal Jones
Linda Hardberger* - Mayoral	Andi Rodriguez	Diana Hidalgo
Jessica Sanchez* - Mayoral		Kimberly Mirelez
Kaldric Dow		Bianca Alvarez
Adrian Highsmith		Kirstin Cutts
Ada Genitempo		Alyssa Franklin
Randy Guthmiller		Laura Parker
Emily Neff		Jordyn Patrias
		Renee Talamantez

*Appointed by Mayor and City Council

Call to Order / Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Freda Facey, Chair. Roll call taken by Bianca Alvarez, Committee Liaison, and a quorum was present.

Item 1. Approval of minutes

Public Comments: None

Committee Discussion: None

Motion: Neff moved to approve the Public Art Committee Minutes from August 6, 2024; Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion was carried by the following vote:

Aye: Facey, Barilleaux, Dow, Genitempo, Hardberger, Highsmith, Neff, Sanchez

Item 2. Project Initiations (Action)

Staff presented Barbara Drive Park, Animal Care Services, Intersection Improvements, Culebra Road, Evans Road Drainage Phase 1, and Airport Ground Load Facility as opportunities for public art projects seeking Project Initiation approval. Maps of the project locations and timelines were shared.

Public Comments: None

Committee Discussion: Committee questions and staff answers included:

- Hardberger: Is Animal Care Services a Bond project? Franklin: Yes, it is from the 2022 Bond—Facilities Proposition.
- Hardberger: The Airport Ground Load Facility seems temporary. Will they eventually move to a bridge, and will we lose the art when that goes away? Mirelez: This is a permanent Ground Load Facility. We did inquire about doing shade and the Airport declined.
- Barilleaux: Aside from the Airport Ground Load Facility, were other locations considered when this was being discussed? Talamantez: Yes, we discussed other locations, and we were tight on wall space. We even discussed windows. This is where Aviation and the architects wanted something. Mirelez: Due to funding guidelines, it had to be within the Ground Load Facility.
- Neff: Do we ever have artists interact with architects, instead being additive to the space, like earth or land art? Mirelez: We don't have any land art in the collection to date. We do have areas like Poet's Pointe that includes green space in the public art. We need an asset that's going to last 20 to 30 years because of funding. We do work with architects and landscape architects to push the boundaries on what we can do to do more than mural or sculpture and alternative art forms.

Committee comments included:

- Facey: For the Airport Ground Load Facility, that type of entry is cumbersome, even in areas not as hot as San Antonio.
- Neff: I echo Linda and Freda; the Airport Ground Load Facility does not embrace climate change concerns.

Motion: Sanchez moved to approve Barbara Drive Park, Animal Care Services, Intersection Improvements, Culebra Road, Evans Road Drainage Phase 1, and Airport Ground Load Facility for Project Initiation; Dow seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Facey, Barilleaux, Dow, Genitempo, Guthmiller, Hardberger, Highsmith, Neff, Sanchez

Randy Guthmiller joined meeting at 10:24 a.m.

Item 3. FY 2025 Prequalified Public Art List (Briefing)

Franklin presented an upcoming call for applications for the FY 2025 Prequalified Public Art List.

Public Comments: None

Committee Discussion: Committee questions and staff answers included:

- Highsmith: How can we get a copy to share the information? Franklin: We will send an email to our Public Art Committee with this information formatted in a way that is easy to share and the information will be on our website.

Committee comments included:

- Facey: We can all help with outreach and are encouraged to do so.

Announcements and Reports

Parker announced a community input opportunity for a public art project at Miller's Pond Park. A community input meeting will be held September 17, from 6-7 p.m. at Cortez Library. The survey will be open from September 9th to October 7, 2024.

Mirelez announced the Cultural Events and Exhibits opening of Rolando Briseño's 50-year retrospective happening September 5, from 6-9 p.m. at Centro de Artes.

Adjournment

Motion: Neff motioned to adjourn the Public Art Committee meeting; Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Facey, Barilleaux, Dow, Genitempo, Guthmiller, Hardberger, Highsmith, Neff, Sanchez

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.