



STAFF REPORT

March 11, 2024
Agenda Item No.: 5

SUBJECT

QUEEN CALIFIA SUBCOMMITTEE

DEPARTMENT

Community Services Department

RECOMMENDATION

Request that the Public Art Commission dissolve the Queen Califia Subcommittee.

Staff Recommendation: Approve (Community Services: Robert Rhoades)

Presenter: Robert Rhoades, Assistant Director of Community Services

FISCAL ANALYSIS

No fiscal impact.

PREVIOUS ACTION

On October 12, 2020 the Public Art Commission formed the Queen Califia Subcommittee with representation from Commissioners Velasco and Vargas.

At the November 30, 2020 Public Art Commission meeting, Commissioner Velasco declined participation and suggested Commissioner Spann serve on the committee with a member of the public.

BACKGROUND

Subcommittees are formed around a particular task or area and shall make recommendations to the larger body for decisions. The Public Art Commission consists of seven members appointed by the City Council to review, select, and approve public art proposals. The Public Art Commission has four subcommittees including murals, Queen Califia, Escondido Expressions, and Public Art Master Plan.

Subcommittees consist of 2-3 Commissioners. Members of the public may not serve on the committee. As defined in the Brown Act, the public may attend any open public meeting and provide input through the oral communication process but do not have voting rights or privileges. Additionally, subcommittees may only make recommendations to the full Commission, and not approval of items.



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Currently, the Public Art Commission Queen Calafia Subcommittee has one active Commissioner (Spann). City staff serve as operational support for the Public Art Commission and subcommittees during all public meetings. With four subcommittees and the Commission, this creates a capacity and resource limitation issue for the staff that restricts their ability to successfully execute their normal duties and responsibilities as well as those associated with the Public Art Commission.

The Community Engagement Liaison with the support of the lead docent is scheduling volunteers, conducting trainings, and arranging tours at Queen Calafia. Thus, Queen Calafia's Magic Circle Garden is primarily operationally staff driven. Furthermore, the parameters of the specific tasks, approvals, and recommendations of the scope of this subcommittee has not been adequately defined; moreover, a staff update regarding the maintenance and operation of the facility would be sufficient.

ATTACHMENTS

- a. None