

MARIPOSA COUNTY
Creative Placemaking Strategy Advisory Committee

FINAL MEETING MINUTES (approved 5/15/2023)

DATE: April 26, 2023
TIME: 12:00-1:00 PM
LOCATION: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CHAMBERS
5100 BULLION STREET

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Goralnik called the meeting to order at: 12:03 PM.

Members Present: Adam Burns, Cara Goger, Jackie Baxton, Erica Wolfsen, Abby Miller, June McCrory, Jeanetta Phillips,

Excused Absence: Xav Dubois, Kim Brisack, Gail Dreifus

Members Absent:

Visitors: Hannah Harrison, Charles Phillips, Wayne Forsythe, Danette Toso, Wendy Brown, Scott McGrath, Madelyn McGrath

2. **APPROVE MINUTES FROM 3/20/23 MEETING:**

The minutes were approved unanimously.

3. **DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON MARIPOSA GATEWAY ELEMENTS PROJECT:**

Goralnik provided an update and overview on the status of the design of the recommended gateway elements. He clarified that the gateway elements are based on specific northern flicker feathers that were shared with the artist in response to input received during the stakeholder engagement program.

Philips commented that she would prefer a concept that was more readily evident or easily perceived. Miller, Baxton, and Goger shared that they hoped the artwork would stimulate exploration and investigation among audiences/viewers. Goger pointed out that the piece is deeply connected to its location, in particular the Mariposa Creek Parkway.

Philips expressed concern that the proposed gateway elements omit many other relevant themes in Mariposa County's history and sense of place. Goger clarified that the project is connected to the Creative Placemaking Strategy's recommendations for a network of public art projects throughout the county, each of which provides an in-depth exploration of a specific topic of local interest.

There was a suggestion from the public that the art work be installed by a local artist. It was clarified that the County is currently pursuing funding to implement additional projects in other locations throughout the County. Wendy Brown expressed that she was opposed to the project.

There was a suggestion to consider updating the text on gateway elements so the English translation of the Miwuk terms was more evident.

4. APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE MARIPOSA GATEWAY ELEMENTS DESIGN:

The group voted to approve the resolution of support for the Mariposa Gateway element design, with five in favor (Goger, Baxton, Miller, Burns, Wolfson) and one (Philips) opposed.

5. DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON THE WORKING LANDS, WORKING ARTIST PROJECT:

Goger provided an overview of the Working Lands, Working Artists project and its connection to the Agriculture and Working Lands Conservation Plan, and introduced the artists that had been selected to participate in the project. The committee received presentations from Scott and Madelyn McGrath; Jackie Baxton; and Erica Wolfson related to their selected artwork. Members of the public asked several specific questions of the artists related to material choices.

6. APPROVE A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE WORKING LANDS, WORKING ARTISTS DESIGN:

The CWG voted to adopt the resolution in support of each of the Working Lands, Working Artists concepts. Each piece was approved by a separate vote as follows:

- For Erica Wolfson's piece: Goger, Baxton, Miller, Burns, Philips and McCrory voted for, and Wolfson abstained
- For Scott and Madelyn McGrath's piece: Goger, Baxton, Miller, Burns, Wolfson and McCrory voted for, Philips abstained
- For Jackie Baxton's piece: Goger, Wolfson, Miller, Burns, and McCrory voted for, Philips and Baxton abstained

7. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There was no public comment at this time.

8. ADJOURN: Goralnik adjourned the meeting at 1:15 PM.

Minutes Prepared by: Mikey Goralnik