



CITY OF SAN ANTONIO  
**DEPARTMENT OF  
ARTS & CULTURE**



**San Antonio Arts Commission**  
**August 11, 2020      9:00 a.m.**  
**WebEx**

# Call to Order

- Call to Order  
Rene Barilleaux, *Chair*
- Roll Call  
Sonia Covarrubias  
*Commission Liaison*







# **1. Approval of Minutes**

Meeting Minutes from June 9, 2020

# Action Item

## 2. Nierman Tapestry (Donation)





## Item 2. Nierman Tapestry (Donation) Bianca Alvarez

Donated by Las Casas Foundation



Leonardo Nierman, Untitled, c. 1980. Wool, 8' x 15'.  
Artwork value: \$16,000.00



## Item 2. Nierman Tapestry (Donation) Bianca Alvarez

### City Tower



### Public Works Project Timeline

- Construction start – Spring 2020
- Construction complete – Spring 2021

### Leonardo Nierman

- Mexico, born 1932
- Explores relationship between abstraction and the cosmos
- Exhibited: Americas, Asia, Australia, and Europe
- Collections: Art Institute of Chicago and Museum of Fine Arts, Boston



## Item 2. Nierman Tapestry Donation (Bianca Alvarez)



### Item 2. Nierman Tapestry Donation

- Leonardo Nierman tapestry donation from Las Casas Foundation

**1. Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of the Leonardo Nierman tapestry donation from Las Casas Foundation, as presented.

**2. Action:** A motion is needed to approve the donation of the Leonardo Nierman tapestry from Las Casas Foundation as presented.

**3. Second**

**4. Public Comments**

**5. Committee Discussion (Virtually raise hand to speak)**

**6. Committee Vote**

# Action Item

## 3. Sebastian (Acquisition Approval)





### Item 3. Sebastian (Acquisition Approval) Bianca Alvarez

Artwork value per sculpture: \$40,000

Combined artwork value: \$120,000

Total purchase price: \$25,000

Location: San Antonio International Airport Tunnel



*Rizo*, 2002, painted iron.



*Home*, 2015, painted iron.



*Corset*, 2013, painted iron.



## Item 3. Sebastian Acquisition Approval

- Sebastian acquisition approval of sculptures titled *Rizo*, *Home*, and *Corset*
  - 1. Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of the acquisition of sculptures by artist Sebastian titled *Rizo*, *Home*, and *Corset*, as presented.
  - 2. Action:** A motion is needed to approve the acquisition of sculptures by artist Sebastian titled *Rizo*, *Home*, and *Corset*, as presented.
  - 3. Second**
  - 4. Public Comments**
  - 5. Committee Discussion (Virtually raise hand to speak)**
  - 6. Committee Vote**



# Action Item

## 4. La Villita Maverick Plaza (Artist Selection)



# Item 4. La Villita: Maverick Plaza (Artist Selection) Jordyn Patrias

## Location

- La Villita

## Potential Opportunities

- Painted or Polytab Mural

## Themes

- Traditions of San Antonio's historic cooking and culinary legacy
- Equity, resiliency, and sustainability
- Artistic and craft traditions of Spain, Mexico, and Germany



**\*\*Sample image from design team. Actual concept will be different.**

**Artist Selection Panel:  
May 29, 2020**



## Item 4. La Villita: Maverick Plaza (Artist Selection) Jordyn Patrias



*A River Runs Through it  
SA On My Mind*

### Kathy Sosa

- San Antonio, TX
- Emerging Public Artist
- Interested in peoples, languages, ideas, habits and cultures that characterizes the Texas-Mexico border
- Her work has been shown at:
  - 2007 Mexican Cultural Institute in Washington, D.C.
  - 2007 Smithsonian Latino
  - 2008 Museo Alameda in San Antonio
  - 2009 solo show San Antonio's Blue Star Contemporary Art Space.
- Her work has been featured on **CNN**, in **FiberArts**, **Skirt!**, **San Antonio Woman**, **Country Lifestyle**, **Destinations**

# Item 4. La Villita: Maverick Plaza (Artist Selection) Jordyn Patrias

Next Steps	Timeline
Design Phase	Sept 2020-Sept 2021
Public Works Construction	Nov 2020- Nov 2021
Installation/Dedication	Nov 2021





# Item 4. La Villita: Maverick Plaza (Artist Selection) Jordyn Patrias



## Item 4. La Villita: Maverick Plaza (Artist Selection)

- Kathy Sosa as selected artist for La Villita: Maverick Plaza as presented

**1. Recommendation:** Staff recommends approval of Kathy Sosa as the Artist Selection for La Villita: Maverick Plaza as presented.

**2. Action:** A motion is needed to approve Kathy Sosa as the Artist Selection for La Villita: Maverick Plaza as presented.

**3. Second**

**4. Public Comments**

**5. Committee Discussion (Virtually raise hand to speak)**

**6. Committee Vote**

# Briefing Item

## 5. River Walk Public Art Garden: Green Spaces at Market Square (Briefing)



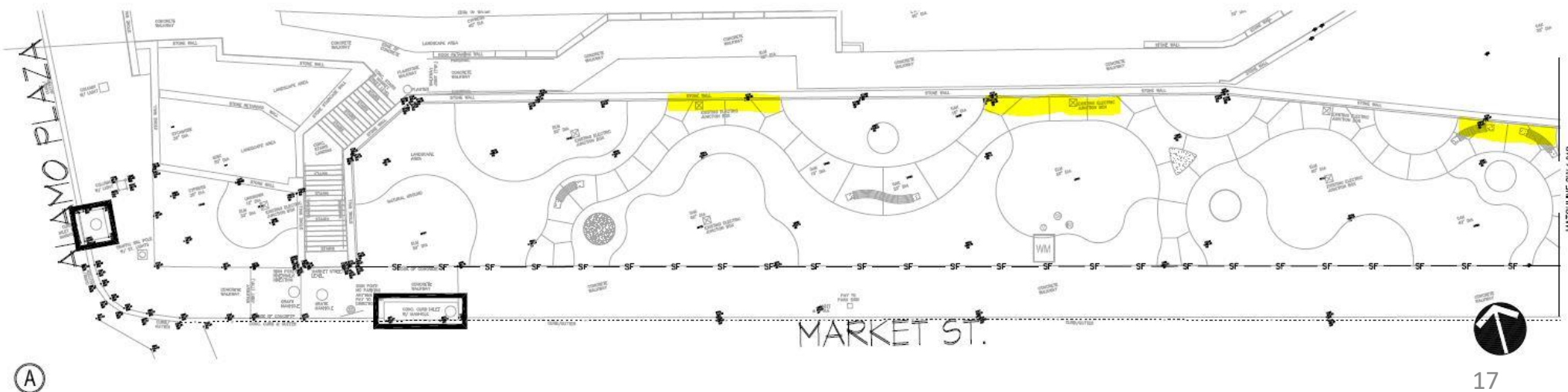


## Item 5: River Walk Public Art Garden: Green Spaces at Market Street (Briefing) Kimberly Mirelez

### River Walk Public Art Garden Mission:

#### Connect Downtown to District projects and vice versa

- Hardberger Park Land Bridge Wildlife Viewing Blinds (Districts 8 and 9)
  - Artists: Cade Bradshaw and Ashley Mireles
  - Landscape Architect: STIMSON Studio
- Railing complete in July 2020
- Press coverage from SA Culture Map, San Antonio Express News, Local Community News





## Item 5: River Walk Public Art Garden: Green Spaces at Market Street (Briefing) Kimberly Mirelez





# Briefing Item

## 6. Update on Public Art Policy



## Item 6. Update on Public Art Policy (Briefing)

### **Comprehensive Art Works Program**

Council Consideration Request by Councilman Trevino

Memo dated 7/28/20 and also signed by:

- District 2 Councilwoman Andrews Sullivan
- District 4 Councilwoman Arocha Garcia
- District 6 Councilwoman Cabello Havrda
- District 7 Councilwoman Sandoval



## Item 6. Update on Public Art Policy (Briefing)

Proposed Policies to take effect in future:

- **City Public Art** (current policy adopted in 2011)
  - City Funded capital projects with budgets over \$500,000
  - Proposal increases Public Art percent from 1% to 2%
- **Design Enhancements** (new policy working in collaboration with Public Works)
  - Not part of 2% Public Art
  - Included in scope of selected projects
  - Pilot project already begun
- **Art In Private Development** (new policy)
  - Under internal discussion

## Item 6. Update on Public Art Policy (Briefing)

Additional items for consideration:

- **Community Art** – new policy working with other departments and community partners
- **Selection of Artist**
- **Art Registration Process**
- **Signage and Lighting Standards**
- Update Guidelines for **Removal and Disposition**
- Update Guidelines for **Maintenance and Conservation**



## Item 6. Update on Public Art Policy (Briefing)

### Next Steps

1. Staff makes recommendation to City Manager
2. City Council Consideration Request goes before City Council Governance Committee
  - Chair of Governance Committee is Mayor Nirenberg
  - Governance Committee decides which Council Committee will work on the policy issue or if it moves forward
3. Anticipated it will be sent to the Culture & Neighborhood Services Committee (Councilman Trevino is Chair)
4. Stakeholder and Community Engagement Required for Policy Updates
5. Anticipated timeline (completion by December 2020)

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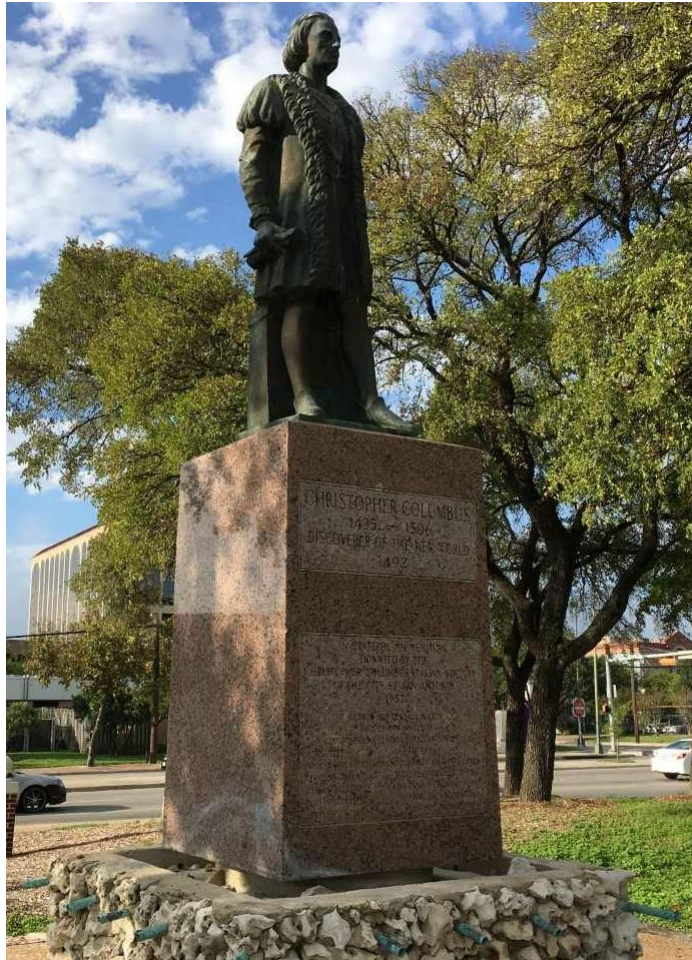
## 7. Columbus Statue





## Item 7. Christopher Columbus Statue at Columbus Park (Briefing)

- 1957: SA Italian Society gifted statue to City
- July 1: Statue removed from view for conservation following vandalism
- August 13: City Council to vote on permanent removal and return of statue and renaming of Columbus Park to Piazza Italia



# Briefing Item

## 8. SA Cares for Art Grants





# SA CARES 4 Art Grants

## **\$2.6M Federal Coronavirus Relief Funds**

Small business relief for closures

Status of applications - as of 8/11/20

Applications due 7/30/20

Currently under review

### **– \$2M Arts Non-Profits**

- 47 applications in progress
- Funding based on scale

### **– \$0.6M Individual Artists**

- 143 applications submitted
- Max award \$5,000





# Briefing Item

## 9. FY21 Arts Agency Funding



## Item 9. FY21 Arts Agency Funding (Briefing)

- FY21 Total Funding for Agencies = \$5.4M
- \$1.6M is from General Fund
- Original FY20 Funding for Agencies = \$7.4M
- Average reduction of 20% per agency
- Agencies will get close to amount realized in FY20
- City Council adopts final budget 9/17/20
- Virtual contract workshops - September
- All required documents will be submitted through [SanAntonio.GoSmart.Org](https://SanAntonio.GoSmart.Org) Grant Portal
- Contracts will be executed and first payments made in October



## **Public Comments**

### **3 minutes**



# **Announcements and Reports**





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**Adjournment :**  
**A motion and second is needed to Adjourn**



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