Summary Minutes

Public Comment
None.

I. Commendation awarded to Friends of San Lorenzo Creek for Adopt-a-Spot work

Supervisor Miley recognized and presented a commendation to Bruce King, Roxann Lewis, Steve King and Ann Maris of Friends of San Lorenzo Creek for their outstanding contribution and dedication to the preservation of local creeks.

II. Public Art Update

Rachel Osajima, Executive Director, Alameda County Art Commission, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Public Art update.

The activities of the Alameda County Arts Commission are based on the belief that the arts and creativity are an essential part of every successful and thriving community. The Arts Commission supports all art forms such as art, music, drama, dance, traditional folk arts, crafts and arts education.

Community Identifier Projects

The Community Identifier Projects are in Alameda County’s unincorporated communities of Ashland/Cherryland, Castro Valley and San Lorenzo. It involves designing and painting the name of the community along with other design elements on freeway overpasses.

CalTrans has approved all three projects and has issued encroachment permits for the County and the artists. It is anticipated that the projects will be completed in the Fall of 2019.

Utility Box Art Program

The artists that created designs for the Community Identifier Projects also created the designs for County-controlled utility boxes. The artwork has been installed on utility boxes in Ashland, Cherryland and San Lorenzo. The designs for Castro Valley utility boxes will be installed around the same time of the painting of the Community Identifier Project.

Upcoming Public Art Projects

East 14th Street Corridor Improvement Project (Ashland) and Hesperian Blvd. Corridor Improvement Project in San Lorenzo are in the early planning phase. Projects plans and opportunities for community involvement will be shared at future meetings.
III. Alameda County Cannabis Ordinance Update

Sonia Urzua, Senior Planner, Community Development Agency, gave an update on the cannabis ordinance amendments.

Amendments to the cannabis ordinance include:

- Allow additional cannabis types of operations such as manufacturing, testing, distribution
- Allow cannabis businesses to become micro businesses (add other types of cannabis operations such as manufacturing, testing, distribution to a retail business)
- Allow East county microbusinesses
- Allow retailers to distribute their own products
- Require that permit holders and employees up to date with child support obligations

The amendments will be presented to the full Board of Supervisors on May 21, 2019 for approval.

ADJOURN
The meeting was adjourned to May 22, 2019.

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