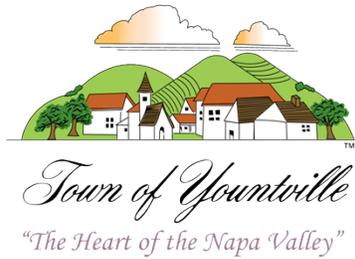


# Town of Yountville

6550 Yount Street  
Yountville, CA 94599



## Meeting Minutes – Final

**Monday, March 3, 2025**

**4:00 PM**

**Town Council Chambers**

### Yountville Arts Commission

***Ronda Schaer, Chair***

***Noel Resnick, Vice Chair***

***Cynthia Kapjian, Commissioner***

***Judy Meredith, Commissioner***

***Geoffrey Leigh, Commissioner***

***PJ Hudson, Commissioner***

***Marita Dorenbecher, Commissioner***

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Schaer called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 4; Chair Ronda Schaer, Commissioner Cynthia Kapjian, Commissioner Geoffrey Leigh, Commissioner Judy Meredith

**Absent:** 3; Vice Chair Noel Resnick, Commissioner PJ Hudson, Commissioner Marita Dorenbecher

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The pledge of allegiance was held.

**4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Commissioner Leigh, seconded by Commissioner Meredith to adopt the Agenda. The motion carried by the following vote:

**AYES:** 4; Chair Schaer, Commissioner Kapjian, Commissioner Leigh, Commissioner Meredith

**NOES:** 0

**ABSTAIN:** 0

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- A. Approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 3, 2025.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leigh, seconded by Chair Schaer to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held February 3, 2025. Commissioner Kapjian noted that she would abstain due to her absence from the February 3rd meeting. Parks and Recreation Director Holland noted that without Commissioner Kapjian, the item did not meet a quorum and therefore needed to be brought back at the next regular meeting to be held on April 7, 2025, for approval. The motion failed with no vote.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON MATTERS NOT LISTED ON THE AGENDA**

None.

**7. ART FUND REPORT**

- A. Art Fund and TOYCF Report ending January 2025 for review and file.

Parks and Recreation Director Holland presented the report.

## 8. ART WALK SUBCOMMITTEE

- A. Art Walk Sculpture submission titled Mountain Heart by artist Amanda Markel for review and approval for placement on the Art Walk.

Chair Schaer presented the report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leigh, seconded by Commissioner Kapjian to approve Mountain Heart for the Yountville Art walk. The motion carried by the following vote:

**AYES:** 4; Chair Schaer, Commissioner Kapjian, Commissioner Leigh, Commissioner Meredith  
**NOES:** 0  
**ABSTAIN:** 0

- B. Review and approval of the sculpture titled Cubes and Tubes from artist Richard Starks for placement on the Yountville Arts Walk.

Chair Schaer presented the report.

A motion was made by Commissioner Kapjian, seconded by Commissioner Meredith to approve Cubes and Tubes for the Yountville Art walk. The motion carried by the following vote:

**AYES:** 4; Chair Schaer, Commissioner Kapjian, Commissioner Leigh, Commissioner Meredith  
**NOES:** 0  
**ABSTAIN:** 0

## 9. GALLERY SUBCOMMITTEE

- A. Monthly update.

Commissioner Kapjian gave the update. She noted an upcoming March 30th meeting with the potential artist for the 2026 show, Chaz Pulido.

## 10. LITERARY SUBCOMMITTEE

- A. Monthly update.

Commissioner Leigh gave the update. The Commission discussed how many Art Walk Poem chapbooks should be made for distribution during 2025.

## 11. MARKETING AND PR SUBCOMMITTEE

- A. Monthly report

Chair Schaer gave the update for the Vice Chair Resnick. She also updated the Commission on

the Seward Johnson "Midnight Snack Trays" Exhibit for July.

## **12. PERFORMING ARTS SUBCOMMITTEE**

### **A. Monthly update on Performing Arts and Other Events.**

Commissioner Meredith gave the monthly update report. In addition to the report, she mentioned the success of the Inaugural Mardi Gras parade on March 1st.

## **13. MUSTARD CELEBRATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

### **A. Discuss Hearts of Yountville.**

Chair Schaer gave an update on the overall Mustard Celebration. A wrap up party will be held on March 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The event will be at COPIA and costs \$55 per person to attend.

Chair Schaer gave the Find Your Heart recap. The Commission discussed goals for next year including the following:

- How do we get people to take one? (Not collect them all and not take them all.)
- Number of them (the hearts)? Increase was good. Give more opportunities for the public to find them.

## **14. ART, SIP & STROLL UPDATE**

Parks and Recreation Director Holland gave the update. Chair Schaer displayed the marketing poster. Holland noted that the event tasting packages went live and discussed updates on artist communications. The Parks and Recreation Department is proposing closing pieces of Yount street to accommodate the event. Holland also discussed potential media opportunities and noted that the website updates would be forthcoming as vendors and artists were locked in.

## **15. STAFF INFORMATIONAL REPORTS**

None.

## **16. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS / REPORTS**

The Commission extended a thank you to Commissioner Meredith for organizing the Mardi Gras parade float and further discussed the takeaways from the event. Lastly, the Commission discussed the Hospitality Hounds project by Commissioner Kapjian.

## **17. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Schaer adjourned the meeting at 5:00 PM.

A motion was made by Commissioner Leigh, seconded by Commissioner Kapjian to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

**AYES:** 4; Chair Schaer, Commissioner Kapjian, Commissioner Leigh, Commissioner Meredith

**NOES:** 0

**ABSTAIN:** 0

Adjourn to the regular Yountville Arts Commission meeting on Monday, April 7, 2025, at 4:00 PM being held in Town Council Chambers.

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/s/ Samantha Holland, Parks and Recreation Director

Date Approved: April 7, 2025