APPROVED
MINUTES OF THE MEETING

August 18, 2011
Convened 8:30am
Adjourned 2:00pm

Projects Reviewed
Bell Street Park
SDOT Art Plan
Universal Design and Public Open Space

Commissioners Present
Julie Parrett, Chair
Malika Kirkling
Tom Nelson
Osama Quotah
Norie Sato
Donald Vehige
Debbie Wick-Harris

Excused Commissioners
Julie Bassuk
Laurel Kunkler

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August 18, 2011  Project:  SDOT Art Plan
Phase:  Briefing
Presenters:  Vaughn Bell, SDOT

Attendees:  Ruri Yampolsky, Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs

Time: 11:20am-12:20pm

Briefing
Vaughn Bell presented SDOT’s art plan, which has been in place since 2005 and is co-sponsored by the Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs. The plan identifies opportunities to integrate art into SDOT’s routine work and also administers 1% for Art funds to add value to infrastructure projects. The plan is a tool kit and is implemented in several ways: promotion and support within SDOT; review of line items in the capital project management checklist; integration in the ROW Improvement Manual and the 1% for Arts program. One example of the plan’s implementation is the design and construction of the 45th Street viaduct approach, which included trees designed by Vaughn.

SUMMARY
The Commission thanked SDOT for its presentation of the SDOT Art Plan. The commission made the following comments:

- Expand focus beyond the pedestrian realm to link space, such as across intersections.
- Develop strategy for expanding initiative beyond SDOT to other city agencies like SPU and Parks.