



Board Committee Report

MEETING DATE: JANUARY 27, 2022 **ITEM NUMBER:** 8E(v)

SUBJECT: Community Affairs Committee

DATE: January 24, 2022

FROM: Director Bagneris and Director Rafiei

PRESENTATION BY: Director Bagneris and Director Rafiei

Purpose:

This committee oversees the Board's relationship with the community.

Focus:

- *Diversity, equity and inclusion*
- *Community engagement*
- *Relationships with local, county and state officials*

Special Projects:

- *Plaza Pacifica Public Art Project Celebrating Diversity, Equity and Inclusion*

SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE MEETING

The committee met on January 17th and received a progress report from staff on the community diversity public art project which will incorporate lighting and the light towers at Plaza Pacifica as approved by the Board. The tower facades will be the "canvas" on which the message of the celebration of diversity, equity and inclusion will be depicted in a medium to be determined. The project is currently on dual tracks:

- The Facilities Department is assessing and refurbishing the light tower as needed, i.e. cleaning, new paint, replacement of lost or damaged parts, etc.
- Chief Business Development Officer, Joan Hamill is coordinating and leading meetings with staff to determine the plan for creating and developing artwork including engaging staff for creative input and design, exploring various artistic media and providing critical feedback.

The goal is to have the project completed in time for the 2022 OC Fair.

The committee also discussed the presentation of the agenda item to present a resolution and policy recognizing Black History Month.

Follow-up

- The next meeting of the Community Affairs Committee is TBD.