

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE

AGENDA ITEM REPORT FOR MEETING OF: September 9, 2025

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To: Public Arts Committee
From: Victoria Henkel, Permit Technician
Subject: Public Arts Committee to no longer meet at the Youth Annex, removal of the requirement for Vimeo (Live Streaming), and will be conducting future meetings at City Hall

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The City currently uses Vimeo to live stream Public Arts and Climate Action Committee meetings as part of its commitment to transparency and accessibility. While Vimeo live streaming provides real-time viewing, it also requires staff time, coordination, and additional costs to set up, monitor, and manage during meetings.

For the Public Arts and Climate Action Committee meetings, staff has determined that public participation can continue to be effectively facilitated through the combined use of Zoom and in-person attendance, with recordings posted shortly after meetings.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

In January of 2025, the City switched over to Vimeo as its primary streaming service for public meetings, as previously they were streamed through YouTube. The City has consistently seen minimal to no public attendance, either in person or via Zoom, for the Public Arts Committee meetings, and over the last five meetings, livestream participation has averaged only 0-1 viewers. With the sparse viewership of these meetings, City Administration brought an item to City Council to consider removing the requirement to have both committees live-streamed through Vimeo, but still recorded via Zoom, which would then be uploaded to the City's website shortly after the conclusion of the meeting.

At the September 2, 2025, City Council meeting, it was approved by Resolution that the Public Arts and Climate Action Committee be removed from the requirement for Vimeo (Live Streaming) for their meetings.

This committee will continue to use both Zoom and in-person formats for public participation, and recordings of meetings will be posted to the City website as soon as possible after each meeting. As part of this Resolution, the Public Arts Committee will be meeting in the City Hall Conference Room on their normal meeting dates and times, unless a special meeting date and location is requested or required.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

This item has been noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to scheduled meeting date.