



Mayor Mark Farrell
Phil Ginsburg, General Manager

Date February 1, 2018

To: Recreation and Park Commission
Operations Committee

Through: Philip A. Ginsburg, General Manager

From: Dana Ketcham, Director of Property and Permits and Reservations

Subject: Patricia's Green in Hayes Valley – Art Installation 2018-19

Agenda Wording

Discussion and possible action to approve a request from the San Francisco Arts Commission to place a temporary art installation of a sculpture entitled “Squared” by artist Charles Gaden in Patricia’s Green from February 2018 through February 2019.

Strategic Plan

Objective: 1.2: Strengthen the quality of existing Parks & Facilities

Background

Patricia’s Green in Hayes Valley has had a series of art exhibits in it since it was reopened and they have become a draw for the community and a centerpiece of the park. Each exhibit has been installed for approximately one year.

The San Francisco Arts Commission is seeking approval for a new exhibit. The exhibit is a sculpture entitled “Squared” by artist Charles Gaden and would be in place from February 2018 through February 2019. Squared is covered in 800 cast polyurethane cubes with about 20,000 LED lights. Squared is bold piece of modern art with a calm interconnectivity, standing at 50 feet tall with 8’ x 8’ base and weighing approximately 9,000 pounds. Once installed, the lighting will be on a timer so that the artwork will not be too bright late at night. See Exhibit A for a rendering of the installation.

A structural engineer will confirm that the sculpture is structurally stable in terms of wind resistance and seismic forces.

The Visual Arts Committee of the Arts Commission and the full Arts Commission have approved this installation.



Staff Recommendation: Approve

Opposed By: No known opposition

Attachments: Exhibit A- Rendering of “Squared”

Exhibit A
Squared by artist Charles Gadeken

