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VICTORY PARK PUBLIC ART COMMUNITY MEETING TO PLAN FOR NEW PUBLIC ART

(Stockton, CA) – A community meeting will be held Wednesday, August 30, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the North Hall of the Civic Auditorium, 525 N. Center Street, to gather input from the community for a new public art project in Victory Park. The workshop will be facilitated by the Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) of the Stockton Arts Commission and City staff. Several potential themes for the new piece will be discussed with residents, with input being used to develop a proposal to select an artist and present a design to the City Council for approval.

“Public art gives people a sense of pride in their community and it speaks to their unique history and their aspirations for the future,” said Lauren McColl, Chair of the PAAC.

Victory Park is one of the City’s oldest parks and is the most visited and well-used park in the City for recreation, exercise, family gatherings, and community events. In addition to The Haggin Museum, the 22-acre park has several amenities enjoyed by the community, including duck ponds, a rose garden, numerous picnic areas, and a walking path that is used by hundreds of residents each day.

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“We are looking forward hearing from the community about what public art they would like to see in Victory Park,” said Community Services Director John Alita. “Public input is an integral part of the process, as it allows people to have a stake in their community and create a vision that accurately reflects their values.”

The Stockton Arts Commission serves as the arts advocacy body for the City. The Commission is a catalyst to support and strengthen community awareness, opportunities, and involvement in arts and culture. The PAAC is a standing subcommittee of the Stockton Arts Commission and is responsible for administering the City's Public Art Program. Their work includes developing a public art plan for the City, and reviewing and recommending designs, artists, and public art projects for the enjoyment and appreciation of Stockton residents.

For additional information about the Stockton Arts Commission and this community meeting, please call (209) 937-8837, or e-mail stocktonartscommission@stocktonca.gov.

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