

**REVISED Final Design for SOMA West Skatepark, artist Jovi Schnell
For presentation at June 30, 2014 Visual Arts Committee**

“There Slipped Saturn A Perpetual Tock - a.k.a. The Saturn Clock”

The imagery in the mural work for the new SOMA West Skatepark draws part of its inspiration from the vision and scale of the area’s former forgotten treasure, San Francisco’s opulent Woodward’s Gardens. The park, bordered by Mission and Valencia, spanned between 13th and 15th Streets. Its motto was “Education, Recreation and Amusement.” In its heyday of operation, from 1866-1891, Woodward’s Gardens offered its visitors an amusement park, museum of natural curiosities, zoo, gallery, and exotic gardens, as well as the largest west coast skating rink of its time. The proposed title “There Slipped Saturn A Perpetual Tock - a.k.a. The Saturn Clock” takes its cue from the eclectic mixture of the parlors of curiosities, exhibits of invention, fanciful gardens and recreation once experienced at Woodward’s Gardens to forge a contemporary vision.

The VAC approved the final design of the mural in March 2014. However, since beginning installation of the mural at the end of May, with the goal of completion by the soft opening scheduled for July 1, 2014, the artist and her installers have determined they are unable to complete the design as approved and have requested the following changes.

1. Eliminate lintel designs between the columns, and replaced with aqua-colored background of the columns.
2. Eliminate upper area for Column 2, and replaced with aqua-colored background of the columns.

Arts Commission staff have reviewed the changes and support the artist’s proposed changes as the revised design maintains the original design on all six columns, which are the most visible from the street, and as well as the upper area of Column 1 on Otis, which is more visible than the upper area of Column 2.

Change 1: Elimination of design on lintels

Below is an image of the approved design. The change will be elimination of lintel designs between columns 6/5, 5/4, and 3/2 (not shown below) and replacement of design with the aqua-colored background of the columns.



Below is an image of the proposed revision to the approved design.



Change 2: Elimination of design on upper area of Column 2

Below are images of the approved design. The change will be elimination of design on upper area of Column 2, to be replaced with the aqua-colored background of the columns.

