

**Auburn Old Town Gallery**  
**218 Sacramento Street, Auburn, CA 95603**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**June 17, 2021**

Call to Order: This Zoom meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Patty Pieropan Dong. Attending: Patty Pieropan Dong, Diane Tharp, Susan Stoll, Stacy Pedri, Jenn Norpchen, Darlene Riel. Absent: Shoshanna Bilunos, Ardith Gray, Stacey Lamothe

New Mask Mandate: In light of the new COVID safety directives by Governor Newsom and Cal-Osha, the board called this meeting to determine the gallery's policy on mask wearing and social distancing for customers and artists working in the gallery. The county will not be policing businesses' practices, and the gallery would not be held liable for whatever policy is adopted. Since the artists in the gallery are joint owners, rather than employees, the new regulations do not apply. The board decided to set this policy for the gallery:

Customers: Customers will not be required to wear a mask if they are fully vaccinated. A sign is posted on the door stating this requirement. The gallery will provide masks for customers who don't have masks and are not vaccinated. Mask wearing will have to be on a trust basis. We will not query customers as to whether or not they have been vaccinated. The gallery will still provide hand sanitizer at the entrance and counter, and will continue sanitizing surfaces and items touched by customers. The plexiglass shield at the counter will stay in place indefinitely.

Artists Working in the Gallery: Members who are fully vaccinated are not required to wear a mask during their shift. However, we are hoping that artists working shifts together will have a conversation about each other's comfort level about wearing a mask. We have members with health issues who will still need to wear masks for their safety. Co-workers should be prepared to don a mask if requested by a co-worker artist. Open communication and respect is key during this transition period.

According to the new regulations, members who are not vaccinated should wear a mask when working in the gallery unless the mask presents a health issue for them. Masks are not necessary if there is no one else in the gallery or the person is eating or drinking. We will continue to follow the current protocol for sanitizing the gallery.

Old Town Business Association Representative: Our new member, Jenny Benoit, has agreed to serve as the gallery's representative for Old Town Business Association meetings. Thank you, Jenny!

Adjourn: This meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm, the motion made by Patty Pieropan Dong and seconded by Jenn Norpchen.

Minutes submitted by AOTG Secretary, Diane Tharp