



PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2018 – 5:00 P.M.

Redwood Conference Room, Los Altos City Hall
1 North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California

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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational items: Receive information and announcements from City staff
 - a. Public Art funding forecast: Staff will provide an update on potential future public art funds

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

2. Commission minutes: Approve minutes of the meeting of October 25, 2018
3. Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Nominate and elect members to serve as Chair and Vice Chair
4. Guardian sculpture: Discuss the disposition of the *Guardian* sculpture
5. Archimedes Goose sculpture: Discuss the disposition of the *Archimedes Goose* sculpture
6. Public Art Tours: Discuss potential bike, walking and auto tours of public art
7. Call for Art: Discuss the current Call for Art
8. 2018/19 Commission Work Plan: Discuss the 2018/19 Work Plan

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2018, AT 5:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Rini, Vice Chair Ellickson, Commissioners Biggs, King, Meisner, Waldman and Wu

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individual provided public comments: Los Altos resident Gary Hedden.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

The Commission moved item 4 to directly follow item 2.

1. Informational items: Receive information and announcements from City staff

Staff updated the Commission about an offer of volunteer services from an art-based community outreach club at Saint Simon.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

2. Commission minutes: Approve minutes of the meeting of September 27, 2018

Action: Upon a motion by Vice Chair Ellickson, seconded by Commissioner Wu, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of September 27, 2018, pending the revision of Item 5 Action to reflect that Vice Chair Ellickson and Commissioner Waldman met with the artist to discuss buying the piece and that the Commission will explore potential funding sources.

4. Paint the Town Exhibit: Discuss potentially loaning artwork temporarily from the History Museum *Paint the Town* exhibit Discuss potential art opportunities for the new Community Center

Commissioners reviewed each of the selected pieces and selected 10 to display in the Council Chambers. Commissioner King will craft language to notify the artists of whether their piece was selected.

3. Loaned sculptures: Discuss the status and disposition of sculptures loaned to the City

The Commission discussed the three sculptures whose loan periods are expiring.

5. Council meeting recap: Discuss the October 23, 2018 joint meeting with City Council and discuss next steps

The Commission discussed the joint meeting and identified next steps. Commission formed a subcommittee to develop an arts program for the Community Center including investigating other community center programs and meeting with the architects to discuss potential programming ideas (Waldman, Rini, King).

Commission also expressed interest in forming a subcommittee focused on developing percent for art funding (Ellickson).

8. 2017/18 Commission Work Plan: Discuss the 2018/19 Work Plan

The Commission discussed and revised the 2018/19 Work Plan.

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Call for Art
Art tour/QR codes
Chair/Vice chair elections
Guardian sculpture

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Rini adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.



DATE: December 13, 2018

AGENDA ITEM # 3

TO: Public Arts Commission
FROM: Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison
SUBJECT: Election of Chair and Vice Chair

RECOMMENDATION: Nominate and elect members to serve as Chair and Vice Chair

BACKGROUND

Each October, the Commission nominates and elects a Chair and Vice Chair to serve for the coming year. This item was inadvertently left off the October agenda. This past year, Commissioners Rini and Ellickson served as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.

DISCUSSION

The election of Chair and Vice Chair is governed by the Commission and Committee Handbook. Any member of the Commission may serve as either Chair or Vice Chair. The current Chair will ask for nominations for the position of Chair. Any member may nominate another to serve. Nominations do not require a second. Once a member has been nominated for Chair, the Commission will vote. If a majority of members approve, that member will be deemed Chair. The process will then repeat for the election of Vice Chair.

Upon the conclusion of the election process for Chair and Vice Chair, the person elected Chair will take over as president of the meeting.



DATE: December 13, 2018

AGENDA ITEM # 4

TO: Public Arts Commission

FROM: Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Guardian sculpture

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss the disposition of the *Guardian* sculpture

BACKGROUND

The sculpture *Guardian* was installed at the corner of Fourth Street and State Street in 2013 as part of a Call for Art.

DISCUSSION

Guardian was loaned to the City by the artist Karen Cauvin Eustis for a five-year period. The loan is scheduled to expire this fall. The artist has reached out to determine the City's interest in acquiring the sculpture. In early September, members of the Public Arts Commission met with Ms. Eustis. On September 27, 2018, the Public Arts Commission (PAC) discussed the meeting with Ms. Eustis and Commissioners were generally tasked with exploring funding sources for acquisition of the sculpture.

It is recommended that the PAC discuss options for the sculpture.



DATE: December 13, 2018

AGENDA ITEM # 5

TO: Public Arts Commission

FROM: Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Archimedes Goose sculpture

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss the disposition of the *Archimedes Goose* sculpture

BACKGROUND

The sculpture *Archimedes Goose* was installed at the corner of El Monte Avenue and Springer Road in 2016 as part of a Call for Art.

DISCUSSION

Archimedes Goose was loaned to the City by the artist Arnold Martin for a two-year period. The loan expired in October 2018. On October 25, 2018, the Public Arts Commission (PAC) determined not to extend the loan period and to request the artist remove the sculpture. Staff reached out to the artist regarding the removal of the sculpture at which time the artist offered to donate the sculpture to the City.

It is recommended that the PAC discuss the offer and determine whether to deny the donation or to recommend the Council accept the donation.



DATE: December 13, 2018

AGENDA ITEM # 6

TO: Public Arts Commission

FROM: Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Public Art Tours

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss potential bike, walking and auto tours of public art

BACKGROUND

The Public Arts Commission 2018-19 Work Plan contains an action item to develop bike, walking and auto tours of public art within the City.

DISCUSSION

A subcommittee of Commissioners Biggs, Meisner and Wu has been assigned and begun working on this item and will provide an update at the December 13, 2018 Public Arts Commission meeting.



DATE: December 13, 2018

AGENDA ITEM # 7

TO: Public Arts Commission

FROM: Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Call for Art

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss the current Call for Art

BACKGROUND

The Public Arts Commission 2018-19 Work Plan contains an action item to issue a Call for Art.

DISCUSSION

A Call for Art was issued in October 2018. Entries are due to the City on January 15, 2019.

PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

2018/19 Work Plan

(As of December 13, 2018)

Goal	Projects	Assignments	Target Date	Status
Guidelines for City-wide Art Program	Develop guidelines for City-wide Public Art Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop guidelines to submit to Council for approval (Ellickson/Rini/Waldman) 	August 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To Council 10/23/18
	Develop plan for use of Public Art Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop general plan for utilization of percent for arts funds (Ellickson) 	TBD	
Outdoor Art Program	Maintain and expand existing program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor and recommend actions/maintenance for loaned sculptures (Biggs/Wu) Issue Call for Art (Ellickson/Meisner) Monitor permanent sculptures for maintenance needs (Biggs/Wu) Develop maintenance plan for permanent artwork Acquire and install consistent plaques for all sculptures 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>October 2018</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>TBD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial list provided to staff Call to be reviewed in September Maintenance performed for 5 sculptures most in need
		Community Center Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an art program for the new Community Center (Waldman/Rini/King) 	

Community Outreach	Arts Education and Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop bike, walking and auto tours of Public Art (Meisner/Biggs/Wu) • Review public art portion of City website and provide recommendations on content • Explore public arts educational opportunities for community groups • Create plan for end-of-year activity Downtown (Rini) • Develop plan for community art project • Explore Spotlight on Art Program • Establish an ongoing speaker series (Ellickson) 	<p>Spring 2019</p> <p>Pending funding</p> <p>Spring 2019</p>	
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