



PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2019 – 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

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

2. Call for art: Review submissions and determine next steps in selection process
3. Community Art Project: Discuss potential community art projects – Night of Ideas
4. Sculpture plaques: Discuss installing plaques for sculptures and next steps
5. Placement of certain City-owned sculptures: Discuss the placement of City-owned sculptures and suggest alternate locations
6. Potential donation of artwork: Discuss a potential donation of artwork to the City
7. City Council meeting assignments: Review and assign Commissioner attendance at 2019 Council meetings
8. 2018/19 Commission Work Plan: Discuss the 2018/19 Work Plan

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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DATE: May 23, 2019

AGENDA ITEM # 2

TO: Public Arts Commission

FROM: Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Call for art

RECOMMENDATION: Review submissions and determine next steps in selection process

BACKGROUND

The Public Arts Commission (PAC) recently conducted a call for submissions of artworks. Submissions were due to the City on January 15, 2019. The deadline was subsequently extended to March 12, 2019.

DISCUSSION

The City originally received submissions from 29 artists for approximately 40 pieces to be considered by the PAC. At the January 24, 2019 meeting, the PAC reviewed entries and determined to extend the submission deadline to March 12, 2019. The City subsequently received an additional 20 pieces submitted by 14 artists. At its April 4, 2019 and May 9, 2019 meetings, the PAC reviewed entries.

It is recommended that the PAC review these pieces and determine the next steps to be taken in the selection process. Potential next steps could include one or more of the following: Review of the pieces by the full Commission; Establishing a subcommittee to make recommendations on the various pieces, establishing a jury to select pieces; Extending the submission deadline in the hopes of recruiting more pieces.



DATE: May 23, 2019

AGENDA ITEM # 3

TO: Public Arts Commission

FROM: Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Community Art Project

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss potential community art projects and potential participation in Night of Ideas

BACKGROUND

The Public Arts Commission 2018-19 Work Plan contains an action item to hold a community art project. A subcommittee of Commissioners, Biggs, King and Wu have been working on creating a project.

DISCUSSION

At the April 4, 2019 PAC meeting, the Commission established a date of July 11, 2019 for the first Community Art project.



DATE: May 23, 2019

AGENDA ITEM # 4

TO: Public Arts Commission

FROM: Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Sculpture plaques

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss installing plaques for sculptures and next steps

BACKGROUND

The City currently has approximately 30 public sculptures throughout the City. Some of these sculptures have identification plaques while others do not. The plaques that are installed are a hodgepodge of design, style and text.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Rini has begun work to develop a plan for standardizing the various plaques throughout the City. At the May 9, 2019 Public Arts Commission meeting, Chair Ellickson was assigned to assist.



DATE: May 23, 2019

AGENDA ITEM # 5

TO: Public Arts Commission

FROM: Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Placement of certain City-owned sculptures

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss the placement of City-owned sculptures and suggest alternate locations

BACKGROUND

The City owns a number of public sculptures. At the May 9, 2019 Public Arts Commission (PAC) meeting, the PAC requested a future agenda item to discuss the placement of certain sculptures, specifically: *Australian Cattle Dog*, *Conversation Peace* and *Dancing Man*.

DISCUSSION

Australian Cattle Dog is currently located in front of the Los Altos Youth Center on the Civic Center campus. *Conversation Peace* is currently located at the intersection of Main and First Streets. *Dancing Man* is currently located in front of the Hillview Community Center but will need to be relocated during the construction of the new Community Center. On April 4, 2019, the PAC recommended moving *Dancing Man* to the intersection of Los Altos Avenue and West Edith Avenue.



DATE: May 23, 2019

AGENDA ITEM # 6

TO: Public Arts Commission

FROM: Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Potential donation of artwork

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss a potential donation of artwork to the City

BACKGROUND

In January 2019, the City was approached by a resident who was interested in potentially donating a piece of art to the City for display at the end of Fremont Avenue near South El Monte Avenue.

DISCUSSION

On February 28, 2019, the Public Arts Commission appointed Chair Ellickson to begin discussions with the potential donor.



DATE: May 23, 2019

AGENDA ITEM # 7

TO: Public Arts Commission
FROM: Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison
SUBJECT: City Council meeting assignments

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and assign Commissioner attendance at 2019 Council meetings

The Commission and Committee Handbook states that a member of each Commission is assigned to represent the Commission at every regular meeting of the City Council. Attendance is required only if the Commission has an item of interest on the Council agenda. The purpose for this is to respond to questions from Council members as necessary. The following is the proposed Council schedule for 2016:

February 12, 2019	Nancy Ellickson
February 26, 2019	Paula Rini
March 12, 2019	Alison Biggs
March 26, 2019	Stacey Meisner
April 9, 2019	Anita Wu
April 23, 2019	Monica Waldman
May 14, 2019	Hilary King
May 28, 2019	Nancy Ellickson
June 11, 2019	Alison Biggs
June 25, 2019	Hilary King
July 9, 2019	Monica Waldman
August 13, 2019	Paula Rini
August 27, 2019	Stacey Meisner
September 10, 2019	Hilary King
September 24, 2019	Paula Rini
October 22, 2019	Stacey Meisner
November 12, 2019	Nancy Ellickson
November 26, 2019	Anita Wu
December 10, 2019	Monica Waldman

PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION

2018/19 Work Plan

(As of May 9, 2019)

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"> Adopted October 23, 2018
	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 (Biggs) Acquire and install consistent plaques for all sculptures (Rini) 	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>October 2018</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>TBD</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial list provided to staff Entries due March 15, 2019 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 (Ellickson, Meisner) • Explore public arts educational opportunities for community groups • Create plan for end-of-year activity Downtown (Rini) • Develop plan for community art project (King) • Explore Spotlight on Art Program • Establish an ongoing speaker series (Ellickson) 	<p>TBD</p> <p>July 2019</p> <p>Spring 2019</p>	Art project planned
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