



PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019 – 5:00 P.M.

Community Meeting Chambers, 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. Commission minutes: Approve minutes of the meeting of January 24, 2019
3. Potential donation of artwork: Discuss a potential donation of artwork to the City
4. Archimedes Goose: Discuss the disposition of the *Archimedes Goose* sculpture
5. Community Center Art: Receive an update from the subcommittee to discuss potential art for the new community center
6. Public Arts pages on City website: Discuss the various pages on the City's website that contain information on public art
7. Public Art Maintenance Schedule: Discuss development of a maintenance schedule for the City's public art
8. Public Sculpture Brochure: Review the City's Public Sculpture Brochure and determine next steps

9. Community Art Project: Discuss potential community art projects
10. Public Art Tours: Discuss potential bike, walking and auto tours of public art
11. City Council meeting assignments: Review and assign Commissioner attendance at 2019 Council meetings
12. 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, JANUARY 24, 2019, AT 5:00 P.M. AT
LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS,
CALIFORNIA**

ROLL CALL

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

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individual provide public comments: Los Altos resident Tom Harrington.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational items: Receive information and announcements from City staff
 - a. Potential donation of artwork

Staff restated the potential offer of a donation of artwork from Mr. Harrington.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

2. Commission minutes: Approve minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2018

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Rini, seconded by Commissioner Meisner, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the meeting of December 13, 2018.

7. Community Art Project: Discuss potential community art projects (taken out of order)

Public comment: Los Altos resident Gary Hedden provided public comments.

Direction: Commissioner King was assigned to explore various options for potential community art projects.

8. Public Art Tours: Discuss potential bike, walking and auto tours of public art (taken out of order)

Public comment: Los Altos resident Gary Hedden provided public comments.

Commissioner Wu provided an update from the public art tours subcommittee.

6. 2019 Commission schedule: Determine Commission meeting schedule for 2019

Commissioners discussed the meeting schedule and moved the March meeting to April 4, 2019.

3. Guardian sculpture: Recommend acceptance of donation of *Guardian* from the artist

Action: Upon a motion by Chair Ellickson, seconded by Commissioner Biggs, the Commission unanimously recommended acceptance of the donation of *Guardian* by the artist.

4. Archimedes Goose: Discuss the disposition of the *Archimedes Goose* sculpture

Direction: Commissioners generally agreed to consider potential locations for the sculpture should the City accept the offered donation. The item was continued to February 28, 2019 meeting.

5. Call for art: Review submissions and determine next steps in selection process

Commissioners reviewed the submissions and determined to extend the call for art to March 12, 2019.

9. City Council meeting assignments: Review and assign Commissioner attendance at 2019 Council meetings

Commissioners began signing up to attend Council meetings.

10. 2018/19 Commission Work Plan: Discuss the 2018/19 Work Plan

The Commission discussed the 2018/19 Work Plan.

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ellickson adjourned the meeting at 7:15 p.m.



DATE: February 28, 2019

AGENDA ITEM # 3

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

It is recommended that the Public Arts Commission appoint a subcommittee to work with the potential donor to find a suitable artwork for this location.



DATE: February 28, 2019

AGENDA ITEM # 4

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: February 28, 2019

AGENDA ITEM # 5

TO: Public Arts Commission

FROM: Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Community Center Art

RECOMMENDATION: Receive an update from the subcommittee to discuss potential art for the new community center

BACKGROUND

In Fall 2018, the Public Arts Commission (PAC) appointed a subcommittee of Vice Chair Waldman and Commissioners King and Rini to discuss potential artwork for the new community center.

DISCUSSION

In January 2019, the subcommittee discussed with the architects for the community center potential locations and ideas for art. It is recommended that the PAC receive an update from the subcommittee and provide any direction as needed.



DATE: February 28, 2019

AGENDA ITEM # 6

TO: Public Arts Commission

FROM: Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Public Arts pages on City website

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss the various pages on the City's website that contain information on public art

BACKGROUND

The City's website (www.losaltosca.gov) contains several pages related to the Public Arts Commission (PAC) and the public art within the City.

DISCUSSION

The PAC Work Plan contains an item to review the public art portion of the City website and to provide recommendations on content.



DATE: February 28, 2019

AGENDA ITEM # 7

TO: Public Arts Commission

FROM: Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Public Art Maintenance Schedule

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss development of a maintenance schedule for the City's public art

BACKGROUND

The Public Arts Commission (PAC) 2018-19 Work Plan contains an action item to develop a maintenance plan for permanent artwork.

DISCUSSION

On July 10, 2018, the PAC received a presentation from a subcommittee of commissioners regarding the current conditions of the sculptures then on display in the City. Five sculptures owned by the City were identified as in most need of maintenance. These pieces were cleaned and routine maintenance performed. It is recommended the PAC begin developing a maintenance schedule for the City-owned public art. A draft plan should be reviewed by the City's Maintenance staff prior to finalization.



DATE: February 28, 2019

AGENDA ITEM # 8

TO: Public Arts Commission

FROM: Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Public Sculpture Brochure

RECOMMENDATION: Review the City's Public Sculpture Brochure and determine next steps

BACKGROUND

The Los Altos Public Sculpture brochure was created by the Public Arts Commission a number of years ago. It includes a listing of the City's permanent collection as well as those pieces on loan and a map of the locations of the pieces.

DISCUSSION

The current brochure is outdated and includes several pieces that are no longer in the City.

Attachment:

1. Los Altos Public Sculpture brochure

On Loan and Permanent Collection



The Public Sculpture
Loan Program
commenced in 1986.
Look inside for the
locations of the
Permanent and On Loan
public sculptures.



losaltosca.gov/publicart



Los Altos Public Sculpture

Art makes a vibrant community

On Loan Collection

- B** Arches *Jeff Owen*
- C** Jasper Priestess *Damien Jones*
- D** Parralax *Rick Waltonsmith*
- E** Redwood Prayer *Rick Waltonsmith*
- F** Torso 3 *James Hill*
- G** Will You Dance with Me *Ed Hart*
- H** Pax Nova *Bill Iaculla*
Mckenzie Park
- I** CT-27 *Richard Starks*
Heritage Oaks Park
- J** Dragonfly *Tammy Bickel*
Rosita Park
- K** By the Sea *Jane Reyes*
Redwood Grove
- L** Bird *Riis Burwell*
Lincoln Park
- M** The Guardian *Karen Cauvin Eustis*

Public Sculpture Loan Program

The Public Outdoor Sculpture Loan Program, which was launched in 1986, is the primary focus of the Los Altos Public Arts Commission. Many sculptures that are now City property, were once part of the Public Sculpture Program and were loaned to the City by the artist.

Pieces are loaned to the City for a period of 2 years, and upon conclusion of the loan period are either reloaned by the artist for an additional 2 year period or removed. On occasion, the pieces are donated to the City by either the artist or a third party/ parties who purchase the piece for the City.

To download an application for placement of a sculpture in Los Altos, please visit the City website at www.losaltosca.gov/publicart.



DATE: February 28, 2019

AGENDA ITEM # 9

TO: Public Arts Commission

FROM: Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Community Art Project

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss potential community art projects

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

It is recommended the PAC discuss potential community art projects for a future date.



DATE: February 28, 2019

AGENDA ITEM # 10

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 February 28, 2019 Public Arts Commission meeting.



DATE: February 28, 2019

AGENDA ITEM # 11

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	
May 28, 2019	
June 11, 2019	
June 25, 2019	
July 9, 2019	
August 13, 2019	
August 27, 2019	
September 10, 2019	
September 24, 2019	
October 22, 2019	
November 12, 2019	
November 26, 2019	
December 10, 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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