

DATE: September 24, 2020

AGENDA ITEM # 2

TO: Public Arts Commission

FROM: Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Midnight Stomp Series

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss the potential purchase of the Midnight Stomp Series

BACKGROUND

The Midnight Stomp series, by Pokey Park, was installed in Downtown Los Altos near the Safeway in 2015 as part of a Call for Art. The series includes three sculptures and is currently on loan to the City.

DISCUSSION

In August 2020, the City was contacted by a representative of the artist regarding the potential sale of the series to the City. The artist proposes the City purchase the three sculptures for \$10,000 each or a total of \$30,000. The estimated value of each sculpture is approximately \$15,000.

The artist is willing to allow the City to purchase the pieces over a period of time. It is recommended that the Commission determine whether there is interest in recommending the City purchase the series and if so, discuss strategies for how to realize the purchase.

At the August 27, 2020 Public Arts Commission meeting, the Commission requested staff and Commissioner Strock talk with the artist regarding the potential donation of the sculptures.