



THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2012

7:00 P.M. – REGULAR PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

Council Chamber, Los Altos City Hall  
One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California

## ROLL CALL

### PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

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### DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. First and Main Street  
Discussion of artwork at First and Main Streets
2. Donation from the Watters Family  
Discussion of donation of a replica Rodin's *Thinker* from the Watters family
3. Insurance Requirements for Loan Agreements  
Discussion of insurance requirements and next steps
4. Mayor's Meeting with Commission Chairs  
Discussion of February 13, 2012 meeting with Mayor Val Carpenter
5. Art Consultant  
Discussion of next steps regarding an art consultant
6. Downtown Sculpture Map  
Discussion of distribution of sculpture tour pamphlets
7. Committee Minutes  
Approval of minutes – special meeting of December 5, 2011 and January 13, 2012
8. Items for Information
  - a. *Space Dance for Peace* donation
  - b. Thank you to business owners for unveiling party
  - c. *Town Crier* article on new sculptures to artists
  - d. Storm Drain markers
  - e. Website update
  - f. *Waterbirds*

## COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

### ADJOURNMENT

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Item # 1

## AGENDA REPORT

**MEETING DATE:** January 26, 2012

**TO:** Public Arts Commission

**FROM:** Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison

**SUBJECT:** Sculpture at First and Main

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### DISCUSSION:

On January 13, 2012, the Commission met to discuss the Council direction to consider art for the pedestal at First and Main Streets. As part of that discussion, several items came up that the Commission felt should be addressed.

1. The Commission felt that if it were to recommend placing a sculpture on the Chevron corner, one should be placed on the Lite for Life corner (such as *Dancing Man*). I attended a staff meeting following the January 13 meeting. During that meeting the subject of art at First and Main came up. Before I could even mention the discussion the Commission had, the project manager suggested adding art to the Lite for Life corner. Therefore, placing a piece at the Lite for Life corner is an option.
2. The Commission also wondered about what type of sculpture (ie. solid versus semi-transparent) should be placed at the Chevron corner due to visibility issues. The Commission was correct in assuming that whatever is placed there should allow for visibility. When the monoliths were originally to be placed they were to be situated further back from the corner. Therefore, any sculpture placed at the Chevron corner should allow for some visibility.

## Suggestion for sculpture(s) on First/Main Streets

The City of Los Altos is celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of incorporation this year!

Why not take our motto, "A great place to live and raise a family," and depict the essence of it in a piece of sculpture (or pieces of sculpture) for First/Main Streets as part of the celebration? The date of incorporation was December 1, 1952, and, if the commission moves ahead very quickly, a sculpture might be in place by the 1<sup>st</sup> of December to join in the festivities!

If both corners are available for pieces of art . . . .

- Realistic sculpture showing a family:
  - Father watching a daughter striking a ballet pose (San Juan Dance studio has been in Los Altos for 50 plus years) with perhaps a grandparent in the background, and on the opposite side of the street,
  - Mother holding her son's hand as he's eating an ice cream cone and pulling his dog in a wagon (think pet parade).
  - And, of course, we'd figure out a way to get a tree in the background!
- Give an art consultant our specs, including a budget for his/her costs as well as the sculpture(s), and have artists submit drawings. The Public Arts Commission and a jury could choose the final design.
- To get a rough idea of what the cost(s) might be, the Sioux Falls sculpture tour has a few realistic family-type sculptures and lists the prices as follows:
  - "Hey," 48"H x 78" W x 96" D, Bronze, \$30,000.
  - "Golfer," 48"H x 14"W x 20"D, Steel, \$12,400.
  - "Expectant Mother," 54" H x 26" W x 18" D, \$16,500.
  - "There," 47"H X 24" W, Bronze, \$8,000.
  - "Bring on the Heat," 62"H X 54" W x 35" D, Bronze, \$18,000.
  - "The Return," 30"H x 13"W, \$3,900, Bronze, \$3,900.

If only one corner is available . . .

- Realistic sculpture showing a family:
  - Father and mother with children and pet
  - Tree or trees in the background.
- Same would apply for art consultant and specs.
- Same would apply for costs.

Item #2

**Jon Maginot**

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**From:** Don & Sue Watters  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 18, 2012 10:33 AM  
**To:** Jon Maginot  
**Cc:** Karen Zucker ; 'Suzanne Moshier'  
**Subject:** Re: The Thinker Sculpture

Hi Jon,

Thank you for your reply. I am delighted that the Public Sculpture Commission is interested in our donation of Kevin's "The Thinker" statue.

I have made one inquiry this morning regarding the shipping and need to do a little more research. The cost appears to be on the \$2000 to \$3000 price range.

A key issue I need to research is crating.

If you have information regarding crating and transporting statues, I would appreciate your input. This is all new to me.

I will find someone to be at the property once a plan is organized. No one is at the site. The neighbors keep an eye on things. It is situated in several blocks of open fields along the road where it is quite visible.

We would like to remove it from there as soon as possible.

Give me a few days to do some research regarding the crating and shipping.

Cheers,  
Sue Watters

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January 16, 2012

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currently on the site of the property to coordinate the move?

- The cost of transporting the sculpture to Los Altos. Do you have any record of what the cost was to move the art from Florida to New Hampshire or an estimate that you've researched on the transportation cost?
- The timing of the move. We understand from your email that the property will be sold. Are we under a tight time frame to move "The Thinker"?

Can you help answer these questions? Once we answer the above questions and understand more about the donation, we'll present our findings to the full Commission for their approval at our next meeting on January 29<sup>th</sup>. If approved we can then present our recommendation to the City Council.

We're looking forward to working with you and, while we can't promise that "The Thinker" will be installed in Redwood Grove, we do feel there's an appropriate site in Los Altos to honor Kevin's memory.

Thank you for your patience in waiting for this reply.

Sincerely,

Karen Zucker  
Co-chair of the Public Sculpture Commission

Suzanne Moshier  
Chair of the Public Sculpture Commission

**Jon Maginot**

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**From:** Don & Sue Watters  
**Sent:** Monday, January 23, 2012 12:32 PM  
**To:** Jon Maginot  
**Subject:** Re: The Thinker Sculpture

Dear Jon, Karen and Suzanne,

Thank you again for your interest in having Kevin's Thinker sculpture become a part of the city collection. We would like to be responsible for bringing the statue to Los Altos. That is part of the gift. I am working with Craters and Freighters for the move.

I spoke to someone at Ashley Adams Antiques where Kevin made the purchase to inquire about the shipping. It needs to be secured to a pallet and not crated. I also asked about it's history. He said that it came from someone in Los Angeles and was a cast off which means it is one of twelve pieces that were done.

We would like to move on this as fast as possible. I do not want to make shipping plans until you have finalized your decision.

We would hope that this can go to the first City Council meeting in February.

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# Downtown Los Altos Sculpture Map 2011-2013



**1**  
Dancing Heron  
by Pat Payne  
www.bigbirdstudios.com



**2**  
Danseuse  
by Jeff Owen  
www.jeffowenartworks.com



**3**  
Jasper Priestess  
by Damien Jones  
www.damienjones  
art.com



**4**  
Redwood Prayer  
by Rick WaltonsSmith  
www.waltonsmith-  
sculpture.com



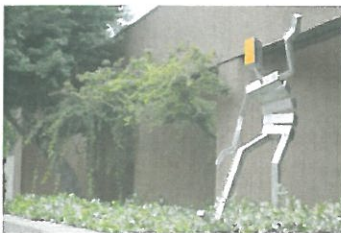
**5**  
African Tree  
by Rick WaltonsSmith  
www.waltonsmith-  
sculpture.com



The Los Altos Sculpture Committee continues the tradition of the two year Sculpture Loan Program. This year we are proud to unveil 5 new sculptures which we have recently added to the program. Currently there are 24 sculptures in the City of Los Altos. See all the sculptures and learn about the City of Los Altos Public Sculpture Committee at our website: <http://www.losaltosculptures.org>



See some of the other City of **Los Altos Public Sculptures...**



Item # 7

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PUBLIC SCULPTURE  
COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 5,  
2011, AT 6:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD,  
LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Moshier (arrived late), Zucker, Chapman, Robinson, Baron

ABSENT: Iverson

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Downtown Sculpture Map  
Committee Members discussed the downtown sculpture map and provided feedback. General consensus among Committee Members was to place the map in various locations.
2. Space Dance for Peace  
Action: Chair Moshier was assigned to write the staff report to City Council recommending accepting the donation in conjunction with item 11b.
3. Walter Singer Bust  
Committee Members discussed the moving Walter Singer Bust from the Community Plaza and generally agreed to not recommend moving the bust unless directed by City Council.
5. Plaques  
Staff reported on installation of plaques and lighting for downtown sculptures.
8. Town Crier Article  
Committee Members discussed the recent article in the *Town Crier* regarding the downtown sculptures.
10. Downtown Bike Racks  
Committee Members discussed recommending installation of downtown bike racks. No action was taken.
11. Reports  
Committee Members Chapman and Robinson provided an update on and Committee Members discussed the unveiling event on November 11, 2011.

Committee Members discussed *Torso 3* entry.

Action: Chair Moshier assigned to submit report to City Council recommending installation as part of First Street project in conjunction with item 2.

Committee Member Chapman stated she will send a letter to all new entrants.

4. Potential Donation from Watters Family

Committee Members discussed a potential donation from the Watters family of a replica of Rodin's *Thinker*.

Action: Chair Moshier and Vice Chair Zucker assigned to a subcommittee to contact the Watters family.

6. Insurance Requirements for Loan Agreements

Committee Member Chapman provided an update. Staff will discuss changes with appropriate personnel.

7. Dancing Heron

Chair Moshier provided an update that the artist will not assume liability of placing wings on the sculpture.

9. 501.c.3 Subcommittee

Chair Moshier provided an update on the 501.c.3 research.

12. Committee Minutes

Action: Upon a motion by Committee Member Chapman, seconded by Chair Moshier, the Committee approved the minutes of the special meeting of October 27, 2011 by a vote of 5-0 (Iverson absent).

13. Items for Information

Staff provided an update on the Removal of *Waterbirds* and the next steps involved in the becoming the Public Arts Commission.

## ADJOURNMENT

Chair Moshier adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m.

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Jon Maginot, STAFF LIAISON

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION OF  
THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 5, 2012, AT 1:30 P.M. AT  
LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS,  
CALIFORNIA**

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Moshier, Zucker, Chapman, Robinson, Iverson

ABSENT: None

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. Artwork at First and Main

Commissioners discussed potential artwork at the corner of First and Main Streets as directed by the City Council. General consensus among Commissioners was to continue the item to the January 26, 2012 regular meeting.

Public Comments: Los Altos residents Penny Lave and Ginny Lear commented on placing art work at the corner of First and Main Streets.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Moshier adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

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Jon Maginot, STAFF LIAISON