



CONSENT CALENDAR

Agenda Item # 4

AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: July 12, 2016

Subject: Accept the donation of *Conversation Peace* and approve the proposed placement on the north side of Main Street between Foothill Expressway and First Street

Prepared by: Jon Maginot, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager

Approved by: Chris Jordan, Interim City Manager

Attachment(s):

1. Donation of Artwork form for *Conversation Peace*
2. Proposed installation location

Initiated by:

Public

Fiscal Impact:

None

Environmental Review:

Not applicable

Policy Question(s) for Council Consideration:

- Does the Council wish to accept this piece of art for placement in Downtown?

Summary:

- The sculpture is a donation from Los Altos residents Sue and Ken Greathouse
- The piece would become part of the City's permanent collection

Staff Recommendation:

Move to accept the donation of *Conversation Peace* and approve the proposed placement on the north side of Main Street between Foothill Expressway and First Street



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Purpose

Review the proposed donation of artwork for *Conversation Peace*

Background

On April 9, 2013, the City Council adopted the City Acceptance of Artwork Donation Policy. This policy provides guidelines for members of the community to donate artwork to the City. The policy outlines that the Public Arts Commission (PAC) reviews submissions and recommends acceptance or denial of the donation.

Discussion/Analysis

At the June 23, 2016 PAC meeting, the PAC reviewed a donation of artwork proposal from Sue and Ken Greathouse (Attachment 1) for *Conversation Peace* by artist Kevin Box. The piece is measured at 84” high by 36” wide by 24” deep with a 24” base. The Greathouses propose to purchase the piece and to pay for shipment to the City.

The piece is proposed to be placed along the north side of Main Street between First Street and Foothill Expressway. The piece will be oriented parallel to the street.

The PAC voted 5-0 (Commissioner Edwards absent) to recommend acceptance of the donation and placement along Main Street.

Options

- 1) Accept the donation of *Conversation Peace* and approve the proposed placement along Main Street

Advantages: The City would receive a unique piece of art to add to the City’s permanent public art collection

Disadvantages: The City would be responsible for future maintenance of the piece. Placement in this location would preclude future art installations or other uses in the location.

- 2) Accept the donation of *Conversation Peace* and direct that it be placed in an alternate location

Advantages: The City would receive a unique piece of art to add to the City’s permanent public art collection

Disadvantages: Attempting to identify another location could require extensive time and effort and not result in a different recommended location



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3) Do not accept the donation of *Conversation Peace*

Advantages: The City would not be required to maintain the piece and the proposed location could be used for other purposes

Disadvantages: The City would not receive this unique piece of art

Recommendation

The Public Arts Commission recommends Option 1.

**City of Los Altos
Donation of Artwork**

Artwork Title: CONVERSATION PEACE

Created By: KEVIN BOX

*Please attach four images (one from each side) with frame of reference. Digital images are also acceptable.
Please e-mail digital images to: Public Arts Commission -- administration@losaltosca.gov*

Artist Information:

Artist's Full Name Box'Studio LLC - Kevin Box
Address 3453 State Highway 14 N
City, State, Zip Cerrillos NM 87010
Contact Phone# 505 4714688 Email Address Jennifer@outsidetheboxstudio.com or
kevin@outsidetheboxstudio.com

Donor Information (if different from above):

Donor Name Sue and Ken Greathouse
Address _____
City, State, Zip Los Altos, CA 94024
Contact Phone # _____ Email Address: _____

Artwork Information:

Title of work for label: "Conversation Peace – monument" edition number TBD
Dimensions: 84" x 36" x 24" (base adds 2') Weight: 600 lbs. Piece #/Edition: TBD.
Inscriptions and/or markings: Conversation Peace 2012 Kevin Box

Description: 1 Large Crane, Scissors, Stone

Intended for outdoor placement: Yes No _____ both indoor or outdoor _____
Suggested site description: Sidewalk bump out on Main Street near Cetrella Restaurant
(Please note that the Los Altos City Council will make the final site selection.)

New Casting: Yes No _____ If no, any provenance? _____
Completion Date: June 2016
Purchase Price: \$ 32,000 Appraised Value: \$ 32,000
Appraised by/date: June 28th 2016 by Box'Studio LLC

Materials Information: (please be as detailed and specific as possible):

Medium (wood, stone, plastic, metal, etc): Powder Coated Cast Stainless Steel on Stone

Surface Finish (sandblasted, glass beads, wire-wheeled, sanded, painted with, etc.): Powder Coated

Patina Information (if applicable):

Original Coloration(s) _____
Protective Sealer(s) _____

Preservation measures taken at the time of creation: stainless steel sealed with a marine grade lacquer.

Expected lifespan: Stainless Steel Indefinite

Installation Information:

Details of installation (please include drawings if necessary): Installation requires drilling into concrete and installing (4) 5"x 1/2" anchors.

Please give a brief description of assembly including connecting methods: Piece will arrive in two (2) parts, top and base. Place top into hole in base, use included epoxy to secure top.

Materials used: Fast setting epoxy

Mounting instructions: Base + top will come with temporary markers to assist the alignment.

A letter stating recommendations from an architect/engineer and conservator concerning the design selection of materials may be requested.

Potential for Vandalism: (circle one): High Medium **Low X**

How the effects of any vandalism may be mitigated: Lacquer thinner graffiti, either re-apply stainless sealer or use approved touch up paint by Box'Studio if needed.

Maintenance Agreement:

Donor agrees that the following maintenance procedures shall be followed. Please check one:

1. To be maintained by the City of Los Altos in the following manners as needed:
 - a. Cold Wax Method
 1. Clean with non-ionic detergent using natural sponges and/or cotton rags.
 2. Apply a coat of carnauba paste wax to entire surface.
 - b. Hot Wax Method
 1. Clean with non-ionic detergent using natural sponges and/or cotton rags.
 2. Carefully heat surface with a propane driven torch (not to exceed 200°)
 3. Apply a coat of carnauba-micro-crystalline wax to entire surface.
 4. Let cool, shine with rag, and apply 1 coat of tree wax.
 5. Shine again.
 - c. Treatment as needed to maintain the piece in good condition as determined by a qualified maintenance consultant.
2. Specific maintenance requests: Use no solvent based cleaners, only mild detergent + water. Use no abrasives of any kind, only soft rags, etc.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Donor Agreement:

The undersigned hereby offers to make a gift to the City of Los Altos as described in this document. The artwork may be displayed, moved, stored, or de-accessioned, according to policies adopted by the Public Arts Commission. The undersigned is the owner of the artwork, free of all liens and encumbrances and has the right to make this gift.

Donor's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

**Please submit the original of this form and all supporting materials to: City of Los Altos
c/o Public Arts Commission, One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, CA 94022 or
administration@losaltosca.gov**



