



REGULAR PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2013 - 5:00 P.M.

Community Meeting Chambers, Los Altos City Hall
One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California

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ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Commission Minutes
Approve minutes of the special meeting of December 13, 2012
2. Public Arts Commission Mission Statement
Consider a revised draft Public Arts Commission Mission Statement to present to the City Council for approval
3. Sculpture search
Discuss next steps in selection process for new entries
4. Artistic bike racks
Discuss potential next steps for installation of artistic bike racks

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. Monthly staff report
Receive information and announcements from City staff

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2012, AT 5:00
P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS,
CALIFORNIA**

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chapman, Iverson, Ellickson, McBirney, Robinson, Shafran, Zucker

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

9. Monthly staff report (taken out of order)
City Manager Somers announced a partnership between the City, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art and Passerelle Investment Company to host a city-wide exhibition in late 2013 and provided an update to the Commission.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Commission Minutes
Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Ellickson, seconded by Vice Chair Zucker, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the regular meeting of October 25, 2012.
2. Sculpture search
Commissioners discussed and reviewed the submissions received. A subcommittee of Chair Chapman, Vice Chair Zucker and Commissioner Robinson was created to formulate recommendations for placement of the sculptures.
3. Los Altos Arts Mission Statement
Commissioner McBirney presented an update and Commissioners discussed the proposed mission statement.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Iverson, seconded by Chair Chapman, the Commission unanimously deleted the phrase “supporting public art activities that benefit the citizens of Los Altos; encouraging partnerships that further the awareness of beauty in our community through conversations, reflection, and response to public art.”

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Iverson, seconded by Commissioner Ellickson, the Commission unanimously recommended to the City Council to accept the Los Altos Arts Mission Statement as “The mission of the Public Arts Commission is to guide the incorporation of public art in Los Altos as a community investment, promoting civic pride and creating a more livable, personal, visually-exciting, cross-generational environment, to make Los Altos an unique, attractive destination.”

4. Artistic bike racks
Commissioner McBirney provided an update and Commissioners discussed artistic bike racks in the City.
5. Insurance language in contracts
Commissioners discussed updating insurance requirements for pieces loaned to the City.
6. 2013 Commission meeting schedule
Commissioners discussed the 2013 Commission meeting schedule and generally approved the schedule.
7. 2013 City Council meeting calendar
Commissioners discussed Commissioner attendance at 2013 City Council meetings.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

8. *Dancing Heron*
Staff provided an update to the Commission regarding *Dancing Heron*.

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commission Reports

Chair Chapman reported she met with the Mayor and other Commission Chairs.

Commissioner McBirney reported she attended the Planning and Transportation Commission meeting regarding the wayfinding sign program. She further reported a new gallery will be opening at 359 State Street.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chapman adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.



DATE: January 24, 2013

AGENDA ITEM # 2

TO: Public Arts Commission
FROM: Jon Maginot
SUBJECT: Los Altos Public Arts Commission Mission Statement

RECOMMENDATION:

Consider a revised draft Public Arts Commission Mission Statement to present to the City Council for approval

BACKGROUND

At its December 13, 2012 meeting, the Public Arts Commission (PAC) finalized the following as its Mission Statement and recommended the City Council approve it:

“The mission of the Public Arts Commission is to guide the incorporation of public art in Los Altos as a community investment, promoting civic pride and creating a more livable, personal, visually-exciting, cross-generational environment, to make Los Altos an attractive, unique destination.”

The recommendation was considered by the City Council on January 8, 2013.

DISCUSSION

Councilmember Bruins expressed concerns with the proposed Mission Statement, specifically that it does not adequately describe the purpose of the Commission, but rather focused on desired outcomes and attributes for artwork. Councilmember Bruins presented her ideas for a revised statement, which the Council agreed should be sent to staff for consideration.

The Council also directed staff to work with the PAC to further refine the mission statement.

A mission statement should state the purpose of the Commission and largely should be actionable. The Los Altos Municipal Code outlines a number of the purposes of the PAC. As such, any mission statement should reflect wording in the Municipal Code.

Within the current parameters of the roles and responsibilities of the PAC, the following statement options are offered for the Commission’s consideration:

1. The mission of the Public Arts Commission is to bring about public awareness of the visual arts in order to foster and maintain the City of Los Altos as a great place to live and to raise a family

2. The mission of the Public Arts Commission is to advise the City Council on incorporating public art in Los Altos that improves the aesthetic quality of public spaces and structures

The Commission may also, through its discussion, revise one of the options presented above or develop one or more additional options.



DATE: January 24, 2013

AGENDA ITEM # 3

TO: Public Arts Commission

FROM: Jon Maginot

SUBJECT: Sculpture search

RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss next steps in selection process for new entries

BACKGROUND

At its December 13, 2012 meeting, the Public Arts Commission (PAC) reviewed eighteen sculptures submitted in the latest call for submissions. A subcommittee was created to make recommendations on locations for select pieces. It is anticipated that a verbal update will be provided by the subcommittee at this meeting.

DISCUSSION

Commissioners discussed the sculptures submitted and ranked those pieces on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest. The pieces are listed in order of average score:

1. *The Guardian*, by Karen Cauvin Eustis (4.43)
2. *Music of the Spheres II*, by Susan Pascal Beran (4.29)
3. *Tiempo*, by Jeff Owen (4.14)
4. *Flames II*, by Susan Pascal Beran (4)
4. *Will You Dance with Me*, by Ed Hart (4)
6. *Fish Dance II*, by Susan Pascal Beran (3.93)
7. *Dragonfly*, by Tammy Bickel (3.79)
8. *Estrella Nueva V.G.*, by Susan Pascal Beran (3.71)
9. *North Coast Rider*, by Nina Lyons (3.57)
10. *Traveler*, by Nina Lyons (3.21)
11. *By the Sea*, by Jane Reyes (3.14)
12. *Flight*, by Nina Lyons (2.36)
12. *Wings of Fortune*, by Sherman Hay (2.36)
14. *Celestial Balance*, by Sherman Hay (2.07)
15. *Adam & Eve*, by Smadar Agmon (1.57)
15. *Winged Melody*, by Sherman Hay (1.57)
17. *Longhorn*, by Chad Heise (1.43)
18. *Rivers Edge*, by Sherman Hay (1.21)



DATE: January 24, 2013

AGENDA ITEM # 4

TO: Public Arts Commission

FROM: Jon Maginot

SUBJECT: Artistic bike racks

RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss potential next steps for installation of artistic bike racks

BACKGROUND

For the past several meetings, the Public Arts Commission (PAC) has discussed the potential installation of artistic bike racks in Downtown Los Altos. Commissioners have generally supported exploring the idea. It has been discussed to wait until the Downtown Parking Management Plan was completed since that plan will potentially address bicycle parking downtown.

DISCUSSION

There is currently no formal process for the installation of artistic bike racks. As a recommended next step, the PAC could establish a subcommittee to work with staff to develop a process for the approval and installation of artistic bike racks. The subcommittee could include two members of PAC, the staff liaison and the Public Works Director.