



DATE: June 26, 2014

AGENDA ITEM # 2

TO: Public Arts Commission
FROM: Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison
SUBJECT: Walter Singer Bust

RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss a recommendation regarding the potential moving of Walter Singer Bust

BACKGROUND

At the April 24, 2014 Public Arts Commission (PAC) meeting, the PAC requested a future agenda item to discuss a recommendation regarding the potential moving of Walter Singer Bust.

DISCUSSION

The Walter Singer Bust is currently located in the Community Plaza at the corner of Main and State Streets. The 2012 Los Altos Parks Plan includes a recommendation to “move Walter Singer Bust to a new location to expand the openness of the Plaza.” The relevant page is attached for reference. It is recommended that any action recommended be first forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Commission as the Community Plaza is defined as a park.

Attachment: 2012 Los Altos Parks Plan page 8



Community Plaza

Main Street and State Street

Community Plaza is a 0.16 acre piece of land located at the intersection of Main and State Streets in downtown Los Altos. It can be described as an urban, active neighborhood park (with elements of a pocket park). It offers tables with umbrellas and a small bandstand with turf areas for informal seating. Its current configuration causes it to be underutilized and not reach its full potential.



Assessment

- No major known maintenance issues
- Large raised planting area
- Current design impedes easy maneuverability and ability to host large gatherings

Recommendations

- Schedule the Community Plaza Renovation CIP Project to reconfigure and expand the Plaza
- Include an iconic feature as part of a redesign of the Plaza
- Move Walter Singer Bust to a new location to expand the openness of the Plaza