



STUDY SESSION

Agenda Item # 1

AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: February 13, 2018

Subject: Role of Public Arts Commission

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

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Attachment(s): None

Initiated by:
Public Arts Commission

Previous Council Consideration:
None

Fiscal Impact:
None

Environmental Review:
Not applicable

Policy Question(s) for Council Consideration:

- What is the role of the Public Arts Commission?

Summary:

- The Public Arts Commission has requested a joint meeting with the City Council to discuss the role of the Public Arts Commission

Staff Recommendation:
Meet with the Public Arts Commission to discuss the role of the Public Arts Commission



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Purpose

To discuss with the Public Arts Commission the role of the Commission

Background

In 2011, the City Council established the Public Arts Commission (PAC) from the former Public Sculpture Committee. The powers and duties of the PAC, as outlined in the Municipal Code are as follows:

- A. The Public Arts Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the Council in all matters pertaining to public arts programs sponsored by the City. It shall take an active role in bringing about public awareness of the visual arts as well as in the definition, execution and promotion of those programs which include, but are not limited to, exhibition of sculpture, paintings, photography, video and other visual arts. The Commission shall submit an annual report to the Council
- B. The primary focus of the Commission is the Public Outdoor Sculpture Loan program. The Commission will conduct sculpture searches, evaluate and recommend sculptures, identify sculpture locations and work with City staff on placement and maintenance of sculptures. The Commission will also assist the City with ensuring that all conditions and agreements are being met. In addition, the Commission will promote artists' works through media exposure of the sculpture program.

Discussion/Analysis

In 2016, the Council approved the expenditure of \$50,000 to hire a consultant to create a Public Art Master Plan to develop guidance for the City of Los Altos Public Art Program, to identify resources for the support of public art throughout Los Altos, and to set priorities for public art within Los Altos.

On November 14, 2017, the City Council voted to receive the Public Art Master Plan without approving the recommendations contained within. Following this action, the Public Arts Commission met in December and requested meeting with the Council to discuss the role of the Public Arts Commission.