



DATE: October 1, 2015

AGENDA ITEM # 2

TO: Public Arts Commission
FROM: Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison
SUBJECT: Infinity Boxes

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive a report on and discuss potential installation of an Infinity Box in Los Altos

BACKGROUND

Staff was contacted by artist Damien Jones (who currently has a piece installed in Los Altos) regarding a potential installation of an Infinity Box in Los Altos (Attachment 1).

DISCUSSION

Mr. Jones plans to attend the October 1, 2015 Public Arts Commission meeting to discuss the opportunity further. Should the Commission decide to move forward with the potential installation, it is recommended that details be presented to the City Council regarding location, maintenance, etc.

Attachment: Email from Damien Jones dated September 15, 2015

Jon Maginot

From: Damien Jones <damienart@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2015 12:42 PM
To: Karen Zucker; Jon Maginot
Subject: New element for Los Altos Public Art proposal

Dear Karen and Jon,

I'm working on a powerful development that would be amazing to incorporate into a piece for Los Altos! My friend Matt Elson has been creating these extraordinary mirrored Infinity Boxes, in many variations, (<http://tinyurl.com/qbdtotd>) and a couple of months ago he and I started a conversation about doing public pieces, where I would create a durable sculptural housing for them (his current enclosures are not suitable for long term public placement)

These are wonderfully interactive pieces -- it takes two people to really activate them, sticking their heads in from either side. In addition, they have internal lighting that can be sound-reactive, so if you make noise, sing, or play your favorite song on your phone, it can sequence the lights with the music. This could be powered by a solar panel on top of the piece.

This could be a standalone piece, or the central element in the middle of the mandala, where it would draw people inwards to explore the piece, and to play with their friends. It's safe, simple, and secure -- we've got all the necessary details figured out for how to successfully bring this to public spaces. We both have crowdfunding experience as well, so we can help raise all the funds needed to make this happen for your community.

He's exhibited these all over the place, from Art Prize to Burning Man, to the SF Exploratorium in two weeks from now! I would love to invite you and the rest of the Los Altos public art committee to come up and see these wonderful creations -- they are way, way better in person!

There's an After Dark event on Thurs Oct 1, from 6-10, which will bring several thousand people and is a lot of fun -- if you haven't been to the new Exploratorium yet then this would be a perfect opportunity. Might it be possible to have your Public Art Committee meeting up there? If you can come a bit early, say around 5, we can meet with Matt and show you the pieces without the crowds, and then we can find you a space to continue your meeting in private. Then afterwards you can come join the party!

If that time isn't good for you, they'll be on display all that week from Tues-Sun, so if you can come up at a different time we'll make that work. Here's the link for the event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1618123091784716/>

Please let me know how all this sounds to you. All the best,
-Damien

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