



PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION MEETING

THURSDAY, JULY 25, 2019 – 5:00 P.M.

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

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INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational items: Receive information and announcements from City staff

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

2. Commission minutes: Approve minutes of the meetings of June 27, 2019
3. Walter Singer Bust: Discuss placement of the Walter Singer Bust
4. Call for art: Review submissions and determine next steps in selection process
5. Community Art Project: Review the July 11, 2019 community art project
6. Public Art Maintenance Schedule: Discuss development of a maintenance schedule for the City's public art
7. Public Sculpture Brochure: Review the City's Public Sculpture Brochure and determine next steps
8. City Council meeting assignments: Review and assign Commissioner attendance at 2019 Council meetings
9. 2018/19 Commission Work Plan: Discuss the 2018/19 Work Plan

COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS AND COMMENTS

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 2019, AT 5:00 P.M. AT LOS ALTOS CITY HALL, ONE NORTH SAN ANTONIO ROAD, LOS ALTOS, CALIFORNIA

ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Chair Ellickson, Vice Chair Waldman, Commissioners Biggs, King, Meisner, Rini and Wu

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The following individuals provided public comments: Gary Hedden and Robyn Aber.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational items: Receive information and announcements from City staff

Staff presented an update on potential public art development fee funds.

Public Comment: The following individual provided public comments: Mary Prochnow.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

2. Commission minutes: Approve minutes of the meetings of May 9, 2019 and May 23, 2019

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Rini, seconded by Commissioner King, the Commission unanimously approved the minutes of the meetings of May 9, 2019 and May 23, 2019.

3. Potential donation of artwork: Discuss the potential donation of a sculpture by artist Tammy Bickel

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Meisner, seconded by Commissioner King, the Commission unanimously did not approve the potential loan of a sculpture by artist Tammy Bickel based on the proposed short loan period and the fact that the Commission previously passed on accepting the sculpture.

4. Call for art: Review submissions and determine next steps in selection process

Commissioners discussed the location for *Glory Pipes*.

5. Community Art Project: Discuss potential community art projects

Commissioners Biggs, King and Wu provided an update on the July 11, 2019 project.

6. Loaned sculptures: Discuss the status and disposition of sculptures loaned to the City

Direction: Commissioners discussed the loaned sculptures and generally supported requesting the artists of *Alegria* and *Mutha Hen* extend the loan agreements for two years.

Public comment: The following individual provided public comments: Robyn Aber.
7. Sculpture plaques: Discuss installing plaques for sculptures and next steps

Commissioner Rini provided a brief update.
8. Community Center Art: Receive an update from the subcommittee to discuss potential art for the new community center

Commissioner Rini provided a brief update.
9. Public Art Maintenance Schedule: Discuss development of a maintenance schedule for the City's public art

This item was continued to a future meeting.
10. Public Sculpture Brochure: Review the City's Public Sculpture Brochure and determine next steps

The Commission reviewed the draft brochure and provided initial feedback.
11. City Council meeting assignments: Review and assign Commissioner attendance at 2019 Council meetings

Commissioners reviewed the assignments to attend Council meetings.
12. 2018/19 Commission Work Plan: Discuss the 2018/19 Work Plan

The Commission discussed the 2018/19 Work Plan.

COMMISSION AND STAFF REPORTS AND DIRECTIONS ON FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ellickson adjourned the meeting at 6:31 p.m.



DATE: July 25, 2019

AGENDA ITEM # 3

TO: Public Arts Commission

FROM: Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Walter Singer Bust

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss placement of the Walter Singer Bust

BACKGROUND

In 2015, the Walter Singer Bust was removed from Veterans Community Plaza at the recommendation of the Public Arts Commission.

DISCUSSION

The Walter Singer Bust is currently being stored at the History Museum awaiting a new location. Funds have been set aside for construction of a new pedestal. It is recommended that the Public Arts Commission discuss potential locations for the Bust.



DATE: July 25, 2019

AGENDA ITEM # 4

TO: Public Arts Commission

FROM: Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Call for art

RECOMMENDATION: Review submissions and determine next steps in selection process

BACKGROUND

The Public Arts Commission (PAC) recently conducted a call for submissions of artworks. Submissions were due to the City on January 15, 2019. The deadline was subsequently extended to March 12, 2019.

DISCUSSION

The City originally received submissions from 29 artists for approximately 40 pieces to be considered by the PAC. At the January 24, 2019 meeting, the PAC reviewed entries and determined to extend the submission deadline to March 12, 2019. The City subsequently received an additional 20 pieces submitted by 14 artists. At its April 4, 2019 and May 9, 2019 meetings, the PAC reviewed entries.

At the May 23, 2019 PAC meeting, the Commission voted to install three sculptures in various locations around the City.



DATE: July 25, 2019

AGENDA ITEM # 5

TO: Public Arts Commission

FROM: Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Community Art Project

RECOMMENDATION: Review the July 11, 2019 community art project

BACKGROUND

The Public Arts Commission 2018-19 Work Plan contains an action item to hold a community art project.

DISCUSSION

On July 11, 2019, the Public Arts Commission hosted a community art project at the Summer Concert Series at Grant Park. This is an opportunity to recap the event and discuss what worked and what didn't work.



DATE: July 25, 2019

AGENDA ITEM # 6

TO: Public Arts Commission

FROM: Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Public Art Maintenance Schedule

RECOMMENDATION: Discuss development of a maintenance schedule for the City's public art

BACKGROUND

The Public Arts Commission (PAC) 2018-19 Work Plan contains an action item to develop a maintenance plan for permanent artwork.

DISCUSSION

On July 10, 2018, the PAC received a presentation from a subcommittee of commissioners regarding the current conditions of the sculptures then on display in the City. Five sculptures owned by the City were identified as in most need of maintenance. These pieces were cleaned and routine maintenance performed. It is recommended the PAC begin developing a maintenance schedule for the City-owned public art. A draft plan should be reviewed by the City's Maintenance staff prior to finalization.



DATE: July 25, 2019

AGENDA ITEM # 7

TO: Public Arts Commission

FROM: Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison

SUBJECT: Public Sculpture Brochure

RECOMMENDATION: Review the City's Public Sculpture Brochure and determine next steps

BACKGROUND

The Los Altos Public Sculpture brochure was created by the Public Arts Commission a number of years ago. It includes a listing of the City's permanent collection as well as those pieces on loan and a map of the locations of the pieces.

DISCUSSION

The current brochure is outdated and includes several pieces that are no longer in the City.



DATE: July 25, 2019

AGENDA ITEM # 8

TO: Public Arts Commission
FROM: Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison
SUBJECT: City Council meeting assignments

RECOMMENDATION:

Review and assign Commissioner attendance at 2019 Council meetings

The Commission and Committee Handbook states that a member of each Commission is assigned to represent the Commission at every regular meeting of the City Council. Attendance is required only if the Commission has an item of interest on the Council agenda. The purpose for this is to respond to questions from Council members as necessary. The following is the proposed Council schedule for 2016:

February 12, 2019	Nancy Ellickson
February 26, 2019	Paula Rini
March 12, 2019	Alison Biggs
March 26, 2019	Stacey Meisner
April 9, 2019	Anita Wu
April 23, 2019	Monica Waldman
May 14, 2019	Hilary King
May 28, 2019	Nancy Ellickson
June 11, 2019	Alison Biggs
June 25, 2019	Hilary King
July 9, 2019	Monica Waldman
August 13, 2019	Paula Rini
August 27, 2019	Stacey Meisner
September 10, 2019	Hilary King
September 24, 2019	Paula Rini
October 22, 2019	Stacey Meisner
November 12, 2019	Nancy Ellickson
November 26, 2019	Anita Wu
December 10, 2019	Monica Waldman

PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION
2018/19 Work Plan
(As of May 23, 2019)

Goal	Projects	Assignments	Target Date	Status
Guidelines for City-wide Art Program	Develop guidelines for City-wide Public Art Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop guidelines to submit to Council for approval (Ellickson/Rini/Waldman) 	August 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adopted October 23, 2018
	Develop plan for use of Public Art Funds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop general plan for utilization of percent for arts funds (Ellickson) 	TBD	
Outdoor Art Program	Maintain and expand existing program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor and recommend actions/maintenance for loaned sculptures (Biggs/Wu) Issue Call for Art (Ellickson/Meisner) 	Ongoing October 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial list provided to staff Call issued Oct. 2018; Entries due March 15, 2019 Maintenance performed for 5 sculptures most in need
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitor permanent sculptures for maintenance needs (Biggs/Wu) Develop maintenance plan for permanent artwork (Biggs) Acquire and install consistent plaques for all sculptures (Rini) 	Ongoing TBD	
	Community Center Art	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop an art program for the new Community Center (Waldman/Rini/King) 		

Community Outreach	Arts Education and Communication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop bike, walking and auto tours of Public Art (Meisner/Biggs/Wu) • Review public art portion of City website and provide recommendations on content (Ellickson, Meisner) • Explore public arts educational opportunities for community groups • Create plan for end-of-year activity Downtown (Rini) • Develop plan for community art project (Biggs/King/Wu) • Explore Spotlight on Art Program • Establish an ongoing speaker series (Ellickson) 	<p>Spring 2020</p> <p>Fall 2019</p> <p>TBD</p> <p>July 2019</p> <p>TBD</p>	<p>Preliminary edits identified and made</p> <p>Project planned for July 11, 2019</p>
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