

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION OF
THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS, HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2021, AT
5:00 P.M. WITH REMOTE ACCESS VIA RINGCENTRAL**

ROLL CALL TO ESTABLISH QUORUM

Chair Ellickson called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chair Ellickson, Vice Chair Waldman, Commissioners Strock, Rini, and King

ABSENT: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mayor Fligor spoke to express Council's thanks to departing Chair Nancy Ellickson and Commissioner Paula Rini. She praised the work that they did on the Public Arts Commission. She went on to welcome the new (unsworn) members to the Commission.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. Minutes

Approve the minutes of the Regular Meetings of July 22, 2021, and August 26, 2021, and the Special Meetings of August 12, 2021, and September 2, 2021

Public Comment: None.

Action: Upon a motion by Chair Ellickson, seconded by Commissioner Rini, the Commission approved accepting the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 22, 2021, as written.

Approve: Ellickson, Waldman, Rini, King, and Strock.

Oppose: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passed unanimously: 5-0-0.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner King, seconded by Vice Chair Waldman, the Commission approved accepting the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 26, 2021, as written.

Approve: Ellickson, Waldman, Rini, King, and Strock.

Oppose: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passed unanimously: 5-0-0.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner Rini, seconded by Chair Ellickson, the Commission approved accepting the minutes of the Special Meeting of August 12, 2021, as written.

Approve: Ellickson, Waldman, Rini, King, and Strock.

Oppose: None.
Abstain: None.
Motion passed unanimously: 5-0-0.

Action: Upon a motion by Commissioner King, seconded by Vice Chair Waldman, the Commission approved accepting the minutes of the Special Meeting of September 2, 2021, as written.

Approve: Ellickson, Waldman, Rini, King, and Strock.
Oppose: None.
Abstain: None.
Motion passed unanimously: 5-0-0.

2. **Call for Art**

Review received applications, select new pieces, and recommend locations for placement

Public Comment: None.

Action: Vice Chair Waldman moved that the Public Arts Commission only consider 3-D art submitted during the 2021 Call for Art. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Rini.

Approve: Ellickson, Waldman, Rini, King, and Strock.
Oppose: None.
Abstain: None.
Motion passed unanimously: 5-0-0.

The Commission agreed to view each of the pieces and discuss, together. They also agreed to vote for their 12 favorite pieces during a second review of the art. A tally was kept of the informal vote count. After Commission discussion, the following pieces of art received the following votes:

“Cosmic Bliss” by Adrian Litman	– 4 votes
“Henry” by Michael Eckerman	– 5 votes
“Wendy” by Harold Linke	– 3 votes
“One-Eyed Jack” by John Randall Nelson	– 5 votes
“Watch My Tail” by Patricia Vader	– 3 votes
“Low-Poly Open Heart (RIDE)” by Matthew Duffy	– 5 votes
“Sunrise/Sunset (Sawblade)” by Matthew Duffy	– 5 votes
“Wave” by Norman Moore	– 5 votes
“Day on the Serengeti” by Damian Radice	– 5 votes

- “The Conversation” by Damian Radice – 3 votes
- “Magnify” by Kirk Seese – 5 votes**
(x2 stipends for 3 pieces or no pieces at all)
- “Elements in Separation” by Wilma Wyss – 5 votes**

CHAIR ELLICKSON CALLED A 7-MINUTE BREAK AT 6:52 P.M.

CHAIR ELLICKSON CALLED THE MEETING BACK TO ORDER AT 6:59 P.M.

The Commission discussed and agreed to select the top nine (9) pieces of art (each with five [5] votes), marked in bold above.

Action: Commissioner King moved that the Public Arts Commission accept nine (9) art pieces plus a second stipend for the “Magnify” piece by Kirk Seese (for a total of 3 pieces of art to be installed by K. Seese) for the Art Without Walls Program. Vice Chair Waldman seconded the motion.

Approve: Ellickson, Waldman, Rini, King, and Stroock.

Oppose: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passed unanimously: 5-0-0.

Action: Chair Ellickson moved that the Commission choose a back-up art piece if one of the nine selections originally chosen did not accept the offer. The Commission unanimously agreed to vote for an alternate.

- “Wendy” by Harold Linke – 1 vote
- “Watch My Tail” by Patricia Vader – 2 votes
- “The Conversation” by Damian Radice – 2 votes

The Commission agreed to revote to select an alternate.

- “Wendy” by Harold Linke – 0 votes
- “Watch My Tail” by Patricia Vader – 4 votes
- “The Conversation” by Damian Radice – 1 vote

“Watch my Tail” by Patricia Vader was chosen as the alternative piece.

3. Sculpture Loan Program

Public Comment: None.

Action: Commissioner Rini moved that the Public Arts Commission extend the loan for Midnight Stomp for two years, based on Chair Ellickson’s conversations with Pokey Park (artist). Commissioner Stroock seconded the motion.

Approve: Ellickson, Waldman, Rini, King, and Strock.
Oppose: None.
Abstain: None.
Motion passed unanimously: 5-0-0.

Action: Vice Chair Waldman moved that the Public Arts Commission purchase Mutha Hen by Eileen Fitz-Faulkner (artist) after Fitz-Faulkner fixes any known maintenance issues with the piece. Commissioner King seconded the motion.

Chair Ellickson offered the following friendly amendment: add the words “such as the legs and the missing mosaic piece” after the phrase “known maintenance issues with the piece.” The friendly amendment was approved, and the new wording for the motion was as follows: Vice Chair Waldman moved that the Public Arts Commission purchase Mutha Hen by Eileen Fitz-Faulkner (artist) after Fitz-Faulkner fixes any known maintenance issues with the piece, such as the legs and the missing mosaic piece.

Approve: Ellickson, Waldman, Rini, King, and Strock.
Oppose: None.
Abstain: None.
Motion passed unanimously: 5-0-0.

4. **Relocation of Sculptures**

Public Comment: None.

Action: Vice Chair Waldman moved that the Public Arts Commission explore the option of repairing Will You Dance with Me by Ed Hart (artist), and if it can be repaired for a reasonable price, moving it to a spot in front of Los Altos Dance Academy at 140 3rd Street. Commissioner Strock seconded the motion.

Approve: Ellickson, Waldman, Rini, King, and Strock.
Oppose: None.
Abstain: None.
Motion passed unanimously: 5-0-0.

5. **Fiscal Year 2021-22 Work Plan**

Public Comment: None.

Action: Commissioner King moved that the Public Arts Commission accept the work plan the way it was submitted with two changes: add “Offered Haiku Writing Class and edit “Two Communities” to be “Two Languages, One Community.” Vice Chair Waldman seconded the motion.

Approve: Ellickson, Waldman, Rini, King, and Strock.
Oppose: None.
Abstain: None.
Motion passed unanimously: 5-0-0.

6. **Conservation and Stewardship**

Public Comment: None

Action: Commissioner King moved that the Public Arts Commission establish a Conservation Subcommittee. Chair Ellickson seconded the motion.

Approve: Ellickson, Waldman, Rini, King, and Strock.

Oppose: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passed unanimously: 5-0-0.

7. **Los Altos Public Arts Commission Guidelines**

Public Comment: None

Action: Commissioner King moved that the Public Arts Commission Guidelines [two sentences in Section Three regarding Donations, Section Six regarding Sponsorship in its entirety, and updating the revision date in the footer]. Commissioner Rini seconded the motion.

Approve: Ellickson, Waldman, Rini, King, and Strock.

Oppose: None.

Abstain: None.

Motion passed unanimously: 5-0-0.

8. **Community Center Art**

Public Comment: None

Action: None.

9. **Los Altos Arts Council**

Public Comment: None

Action: None.

10. **Public Arts Fund**

Public Comment: None

Action: None.

11. **Future Community Art Projects**

Public Comment: None

Action: None.

12. Community Art Projects

Public Comment: None

Action: None.

13. Community Center Art Subcommittee

Public Comment: None

Action: None.

2. Recall Item: Call for Art

Public Comment: None

Action: Although direction was given to City staff regarding contacting artists and compiling a database of selected art pieces after the Call for Art, no formal motions were made.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Receive information and announcements from City staff

COMMISSION REPORTS AND COMMENTS

1. None

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Meeting Schedule

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Ellickson adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.