



DATE: February 24, 2022

AGENDA ITEM # 2

**TO:** Public Arts Commission

**FROM:** Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison

**SUBJECT:** Alegria donation

**RECOMMENDATION:** Recommend acceptance of donation of *Alegria* from the artist

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## **BACKGROUND**

The sculpture *Alegria* by Adrian Susnea Litman was installed in Village Park in 2017 and has been on loan since that time. The artist has offered to donate the sculpture to the City.

The City of Los Altos Artwork Donation Policy is intended to establish a process for the donation of artwork to the City.

## **DISCUSSION**

Per the Artwork Donation Policy, the Public Arts Commission (PAC) is to review the proposal on the “basis of aesthetic quality, relationship of the artist or artwork to the City of Los Altos, site availability, condition of the artwork, and installation and maintenance requirements.” Based on the review, the PAC will then present the artwork to the City Council for acceptance or rejection.

Attachment:

1. *Alegria* Donation of Artwork submission

City of Los Altos  
Donation of Artwork

Artwork Title: **ALEGRIA**

Created By: **Adrian Litman**

Please attach four images (one from each side) with frame of reference. Digital images are also acceptable.  
Please e-mail digital images to: Public Arts Commission -- [administration@losaltosca.gov](mailto:administration@losaltosca.gov)

Artist Information:

Artist's Full Name **Adrian Susnea Litman**

Address [Redacted]

City, State, Zip **Santa 95404**

Contact Phone # [Redacted] Email Address [Redacted]

Donor Information (if different from above):

Donor Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Artwork Information:

Title of work for label **ALEGRIA**

Dimensions: **14'H x 6'W x 6'D** Weight **250** lbs. Piece #/Edition: **1**

Inscriptions and/or markings: \_\_\_\_\_

Description: **Kinetic sculpture**

Intended for outdoor placement: Yes  No  both indoor or outdoor \_\_\_\_\_

Suggested site description: **Any location that has a concrete surface for installation**

*(Please note that the Los Altos City Council will make the final site selection.)*

New Casting: Yes  No  [if no, any provenance? \_\_\_\_\_] **Brushed stainless steel**

Completion Date: **2017**

Purchase Price: **\$1,500** Appraised Value: \_\_\_\_\_

Appraised by/date: \_\_\_\_\_

Materials Information: (please be as detailed and specific as possible):

Medium (wood, stone, plastic, metal, etc.): **Stainless steel and painted steel**

Surface Finish (sandblasted, glass beads, wire-wheeled, sanded, painted with, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Patina Information (if applicable):

Original Coloration(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Protective Sealer(s) **Whether resistant sealer**

Preservation measures taken at the time of creation: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected lifespan: **25 years with minimum maintenance**

**Installation Information:**

**Details of installation (please include drawings if necessary):** The metal base of the sculpture is attached to a concrete pad with 3/4" bolts

**Please give a brief description of assembly including connecting methods:** The sculpture is composed of a 10' H x 4" metal pipe supporting the kinetic elements at the top.

**Materials used:** Stainless steel and perforated painted steel

**Mounting instructions:** The kinetic elements at the top are assembled with screws to a rotating disc

*A letter stating recommendations from an architect/engineer and conservator concerning the design selection of materials may be requested.*

**Potential for Vandalism: (circle one):** High      Medium  Low

**How the effects of any vandalism may be mitigated:** Graffiti on the metal column can be removed

with solvent. Damage to the kinetic parts need to be evaluated for fixing or possible replacement

**Maintenance Agreement:**

Donor agrees that the following maintenance procedures shall be followed. Please check one:

1. To be maintained by the City of Los Altos in the following manners as needed:

a. Cold Wax Method

- 1. Clean with non-ionic detergent using natural sponges and/or cotton rags.
- 2. Apply a coat of carnauba paste wax to entire surface.

b. Hot Wax Method

- 1. Clean with non-ionic detergent using natural sponges and/or cotton rags.
- 2. Carefully heat surface with a propane driven torch (not to exceed 200')
- 3. Apply a coat of carnauba-micro-crystalline wax to entire surface.
- 4. Let cool, shine with rag, and apply 1 coat of tree wax.
- 5. Shine again.

c. Treatment as needed to maintain the piece in good condition as determined by a qualified maintenance consultant.

2. Specific maintenance requests: Occasional maintenance needed for dust or dirt accumulated around the base. The colors on the kinetic parts may fade in 10 years and may need recoloring with spray paint

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Date:** February 4, 2022

**Donor Agreement:**

The undersigned hereby offers to make a gift to the City of Los Altos as described in this document. The artwork may be displayed, moved, stored, or de-acquisitioned, according to policies adopted by the Public Arts Commission. The undersigned is the owner of the artwork, free of all liens and encumbrances and has the right to make this gift.

**Donor's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_



**Date:** February 4, 2022

Please submit the original of this form and all supporting materials to: City of Los Altos c/o Public Arts Commission, One North San Antonio Road, Los Altos, CA 94022 or [administration@losaltosca.gov](mailto:administration@losaltosca.gov)

