

LAH PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

FINAL MINUTES

May 13, 2019

ATTENDING: David Milgram, Nicole Andrews, Robyn Aber, Diane Brauch, Farah Tabatabai

Associate Members; absent: Gail Solomon, In attendance: Kjell Karlsson

Council Rep: George Tyson

Absent: Stacey Newman,

1. Call to Order: 6:36
2. Minutes of April 8, 2019 meeting Diane Brauch moved, David Milgram seconded, voted to approve minutes
3. Presentations from the floor: Diane reported on her impressions of Earth Day Event. In general, it's a children-oriented event. Most people were not from the Hills so feedback as to public art was not very useful. Star Gazers seemed to be the most popular. Everyone enjoyed the basil handouts. In the future I'm not sure this event does much for publicizing the art committee.
4. Open Items:

**A. Digital Gallery Updates: (Robyn Aber)**

1- Robyn Aber wrote to artist - Lizzy Lazo - who expressed interest to PAC members @ the April Earth Day event booth re: showing her work. Received no reply.

2- Artist Randy Salim's ceramic arts gallery is currently on display - thru mid-May. RA arranged for promos of it by Parks & Rec on the Town Facebook page for 2 consecutive weeks. She also posted it on NextDoor general news for LAH.

3- Two more artists are queued up & ready to show their art. Anne DeGheest (digital art) will begin May 16. Larry William (portrait photography) will begin June 16.

4- Mee-Ching Ng provided website analytics for PAC members (to track number of views of the Digital Gallery).

5- Attending members reviewed the work of 3 additional artists. Two were approved for future galleries & will be contacted. If all approved artists proceed & prep a Digital Gallery we are covered through mid-October 2019.

6- Robyn sent a Call for (LAH) Artists to the Los Altos Art Club. No response as of yet.

**B. Ceramic Bird Sculptures Update: (Robyn Aber)**

The proposal to commission artist Sally Diggory (Aromas, CA) to create (PAC acquire) 5 ceramic birds for Edith Park is agendaized for the May 16, 2019 Town

Council Meeting. Robyn Aber will make the presentation. It has gotten endorsements from Parks & Recreation, Open Space and Environmental Protection & Design committees.

### **C. Outreach to Open Space and Environmental Design Committees**

David presented the ceramic bird sculpture photos to committees. All were pleased with the designs. We were encourage by pathways to consider some kind of art work at the 6 entrances to LAH.

## **5. New Business**

A. **Town Picnic**: David will man the PArtC booth at the Town Picnic on June 2. Other committee members will stop by to help during the day for an hour or two each. We will hand out basil seeds and have photos of the kinetic bicycle art for people to vote for their favorite.

B. **Strategy to add new members to PAC** – We will have a pamphlet explaining the committee and a form for anyone interested to fill out at the Town Picnic.

### **C. Acquiring a major artwork**

1. Discussion continues to select a site and receive preliminary approval from Town Council. We have learned that open space areas cannot be developed.
2. Members will continue to go to art shows and check online public art pieces to help us organize our thoughts and find potential artists to do a major work for one of the town spaces.

Committee will consider having a talk on public art from either Elise or Barbara in Aug/Sept.

6. Next meeting – June 10, 2019

7. Adjourned – 8:10

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

All members: Find three pieces of public art online and send photo to all members.

Nicole: will talk to Mei Ching for online gallery stats.

Robyn: will present bird sculptures to town council May 17

David will agendize entry sign considerations

Nicole will talk to Elise and Barbara for potential speaker at our meeting. Also will check with Deborah as to potential remuneration for speakers.