

LAH PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

MINUTES

June 10, 2019

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

Associate Members: Gail Solomon,

Absent: Stacey Newman, Council liaison: George Tyson, Associate Member: Kjell Karlsson

1. Call to Order: 6:03
2. Minutes of May 13, 2019 meeting - Diane Brauch moved, David Milgram seconded, voted to approve minutes
3. Presentations from the floor: No presentations.
4. Open Items:

A. Digital Art /Online Gallery Update - Robyn Aber

a. Time Horizon - Artists on current wait list will carry through Nov. 2019

*** if Karen Druker is interested would carry us through Jan. 2020 - Robyn will contact her.*

See current copy of Wait List Robyn prepped & disti'd to PAC members at mtg. (Contains names, types of art, dates, contact info, artist websites, archive status, etc.).

b. Inviting New Artists -

1- Lizzy Lazo expressed interest at PAC's Earth Day booth. Committee members reviewed her art and would like to see a showing of her Drawings (not sculptures) - for August 2019.

2- Which members will handle next few months of gallery-shepherding/set up with artists & Mee-Ching Ng (town staff Web admin)?

3- Not enough LAH artists to sustain as "*LAH only*" gallery over the long term.

Committee would like to continue trying to recruit LAH artists for as long as we can. If PAC hits capacity either formerly featured artists will be given a chance to show new/different art or PAC will consider artists in nearby communities who've expressed interest already.

4- Robyn submitted an online request form to the Los Altos Art Club asking if they have any LAH members who might be interested. Haven't gotten any response. Diane Brauch will follow up with a member she knows to try to get an answer.

c. **Current Gallery Status** - Larry Williams' full-color, digital portrait photography gallery has been submitted/is being prepped for June 17 Web launch. Will run through end of July to allow switch to 1st of each month gallery cycle. Easier for town staff to maintain.

B. Ceramic Bird Sculptures Update - Robyn Aber

- * Town Council approved @ May 16 Council mtg for acquis./install in Edith Pk.
- * TC said interested in similar types of public art at other entrances to LAH.
- * Robyn contacted artist, Sally Diggory May 17 re: approval/go-ahead.
- * Artist started work on ceramic birds. 5 total (2 Nuthatches, 2 Woodpeckers, 1 Flicker - also Bay regional). Initial design step completed. More carving + all coloration needed.
Target Completion: Aug. 2019.
- * If no status from artist by 3rd wk of July, Robyn will check for update.
- * Robyn shared PAC's interest in color variation w/in bird breeds. Artist said she'll decide how to interp. that. If PAC doesn't like when she's finished, no commitment to complete purchase. She's on board to handle installation.
- * Robyn mentioned dedication ceremony likely Sept. if Aug. install date. Artist seemed surprised/pleased. Said she'd like to participate in that.
- * **Signage Next Steps - Question:** Does PAC want to wait/see ceramic birds before ordering signage? Yes.
Could take ~ 6-7 wks for Town Staff (ie, Deborah) to order & have sign produced.
Town is responsible to pay for signage & installation - does NOT come out of Public Art Acquisition Fund (Karen Druker original donation).
Town Council members said 'no' to a donor's name on the signage.

C. Acquiring a major artwork

1. Discussion continues to select a site. Two groups of three committee members will visit possible sites in June/July.
2. All members will email others for proposed art for consideration finding as much information about art and cost as possible.

5. New Business

- A. **Town Picnic Public Art Com.** Was well-received at picnic. Many positive compliments about existing art pieces which many people were unaware of.
- B. **Strategy to add new members to PAC** – We handed out pamphlets and David found one potential new member – Erika Shapiro. David will follow-up with her.
- C. **Outreach to Pathways Committee** – nothing new to report
- D. **Elections for coming year**: David has agreed to remain as chairman, Nicole will be unable to continue as co-chair Moved, seconded, and unanimously approved David Milgrim as Chariman.

6. Next meeting – July 8, 2019, 6:00 pm

7. Adjourned – 7:40

ACTION ITEMS:

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

All members: in groups of three to visit potential sites during June/July period, Old Snakey and Moody corner, Elena just after Taffee, Arastradero & Fremont Bike sculpture at Purissima & Arastradero or Purissima Park area

(Group 1 :Nikki, Stacey, Diane, Group 2:, David Robyn Farah)

David will contact Erika Shapiro about joining the committee

Robyn will contact Karen Drucker to assess her interest in online digital gallery presentation.

Diane will contact the Greens to preview their work for digital.