



AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: September 12, 2023

Subject Potential Gateway Sculptures

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Attachment(s):

1. Proposed gateway sculptures by Matthew Duffy
2. Proposed locations for sculptures

Initiated by:

Public Arts Commission

Previous Council Consideration:

None

Fiscal Impact:

Each of the proposed sculptures costs approximately \$20k - \$25k. There are sufficient funds in the Annual Public Arts Project CIP (CD-01003). These funds are Public Art Funds.

Environmental Review:

Not applicable

Policy Question(s) for Council Consideration:

- Does the Council wish to approve the purchase and placement of sculptures by artist Matthew Duffy at three locations within the City?

Summary:

- The Public Arts Commission has recommended the purchase and installation of three sculptures for placement at gateway locations within the City
- The three proposed locations do not have the City's standard granite entry markers

Staff Recommendation:

Consider the Public Arts Commission recommendation to purchase and place three sculptures by artist Matthew Duffy at locations within the City

Reviewed By:

City Manager

GE

City Attorney

JH

Finance Director

JD



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Purpose

To consider a proposal by the Public Arts Commission for the purchase and placement of three gateway sculptures

Background

Currently, the City has a number of granite markers at various entry points or gateways to the City. These markers are standard in size and have the words “Los Altos” written on them. Many of the markers have a tree planted in them.

One of the roles of the former Public Arts Commission (PAC) was to act in an advisory capacity to the City Council on matters pertaining to public arts programs sponsored by the City. One item on the former PAC’s work plan was to explore the possibility of gateway art sculptures.

On June 22, 2023, the PAC discussed an item regarding potential gateway art in the City. The Commission voted 5-1 to recommend that the City Council approve the purchase and placement of three sculptures by artist Matthew Duffy. The installation of these sculptures would be a deviation from the City’s standard granite markers that are located at various entrances to the City.

Discussion/Analysis

The sculptures “Low-Poly Open Heart (REDI)” (Attachment 1) measure 5’ x 5’ x 2.5’ and are proposed for three locations: Arboretum Drive/Grant Road, Main Street/First Street and Covington Road/Riverside Drive. The PAC recommends the use of Public Art Funds for the purchase of these sculptures. The cost of each sculpture would be approximately \$20k - \$25k plus any costs for transportation and installation, including construction of concrete pillars to support the sculptures.

The proposed locations do not have the City’s standard granite entry marker.

Recommendation

The staff recommends Council consider the proposal by the Public Arts Commission to purchase three sculptures for placement at entrances to the City.