



AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY

Meeting Date: July 12, 2022

Subject Public Art Purchases: *T2* and Midnight Stomp Series

Prepared by: Jon Maginot, Assistant City Manager

Approved by: Gabriel Engeland, City Manager

Attachment(s):

1. Picture of *T2*
2. Picture of Midnight Stomp Series

Initiated by:

Public Arts Commission

Previous Council Consideration:

None

Fiscal Impact:

The proposed purchases will cost approximately \$20,000 for *T2* and \$25,000 (\$6,250 in FY 22/23; \$6,250 in FY 23/24; \$6,250 in FY 24/25 and \$6,250 in FY 25/26).

- Breakdown of funds to be used:
 - o \$45,000 Public Art Funds
- Amount already included in approved budget: Y/N
- Amount above budget requested: \$0

Environmental Review:

Not applicable

Policy Question(s) for Council Consideration:

- Does the Council wish to purchase two pieces of art as recommended by the Public Arts Commission?

Summary:

- The artworks Midnight Stomp Series and *T2* are currently on loan to the City
- The Public Arts Commission has recommended purchasing both pieces of art

Reviewed By:

City Manager

GE

City Attorney

JH

Finance Director

JE



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Staff Recommendation:

Approve the purchase of *T2* for \$15,000 plus tax and Midnight Stomp Series for \$25,000 to be paid over four years



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Purpose

To consider the purchase of two public artworks

Background

One of the primary roles of the Public Arts Commission (PAC) is to administer the public outdoor sculpture program. As part of this program, the PAC routinely issues calls for art to solicit new sculptures to be loaned to the City. Sculptures that are installed as part of these calls are typically loaned to the City for two years. From time to time, these loans will be extended as approved by the PAC. In addition, the PAC will also recommend to the City Council regarding the acquisition of permanent pieces for the City's collection.

Two artworks, *T2* and Midnight Stomp Series, were installed as part of the City's Sculpture Loan Program. The PAC recommends that the City purchase these pieces.

Discussion/Analysis

The Midnight Stomp Series by Pokey Park is a series of three sculptures, *Electric Slide*, *Midnight Serenade Pose 2*, and *Twist & Shout*. These sculptures were installed in 2015 near 160 First Street. The artist has offered to sell all three sculptures for a total of \$25,000 to be paid over four years.

T2 by artist Charles Gadeken was installed in 2021 outside of the Los Altos Community Center. The artist has offered to sell the sculpture to the City for \$15,000 plus tax.

The PAC voted unanimously to recommend the City purchase both pieces. The budget for the Annual Public Arts Project includes dollars for the purchase of the sculptures. Public Art Fund dollars will be used for the purchases.

Options

- 1) Approve the purchase of both pieces

Advantages: The City would retain two works of art and add them to the City's permanent public art collection

Disadvantages: The City would be responsible for future maintenance of the pieces. This maintenance is anticipated to be minimal.

- 2) Approve the purchase of one piece



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Disadvantages: The City would be responsible for future maintenance of the piece. This maintenance is anticipated to be minimal.

3) Do not approve the purchase of either piece

Advantages: None identified

Disadvantages: The City does not add these artworks to the City's permanent collection.

Recommendation

The staff and Public Arts Commission recommend Option 1.