



PARKS, ARTS, RECREATION, & CULTURAL COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

April 21, 2026 - 6:30 PM

**Los Altos Community Center - Sequoia Room
97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022**

PARTICIPATION: Members of the public may participate by being present at the Los Altos Community Center, Sequoia Room, 97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022. Public comment is accepted in person at the physical meeting location, or via email to PARCPublicComment@losaltosca.gov.

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The Chair will open public comment and will announce the length of time provided for comments during each item.

ESTABLISH QUORUM

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Members of the audience may bring to the Commission's attention any item that is not on the agenda. Please complete a "Request to Speak" form and submit it to the Staff Liaison. Speakers are generally given two or three minutes, at the discretion of the Chair. Please be advised that, by law, the Commission is unable to discuss or take action on issues presented during the Public Comment Period. According to State Law (also known as "the Brown Act") items must first be noticed on the agenda before any discussion or action.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

- Volunteering with Parks & Recreation — Bridget Matheson, Recreation Supervisor
- Mural at Woodland Library — Freddie Wheeler

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. **Minutes:** Approve minutes of March 17, 2026 Special meeting
2. **Arts Los Altos/PARC Collaboration Project — Mosaic Bench**
3. **Capital Improvement Major Maintenance Program Review (PIL) Public Art**

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

4. **Staff**
 - **Outdoor Fitness Equipment (Hillview) completed**
 - **Farmers' Market Begins April 30**
 - **General Plan Commission Meeting — April 27, 6pm**

COMMISSION/SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Review of updated playground design (Grant & Shoup)

ADJOURNMENT

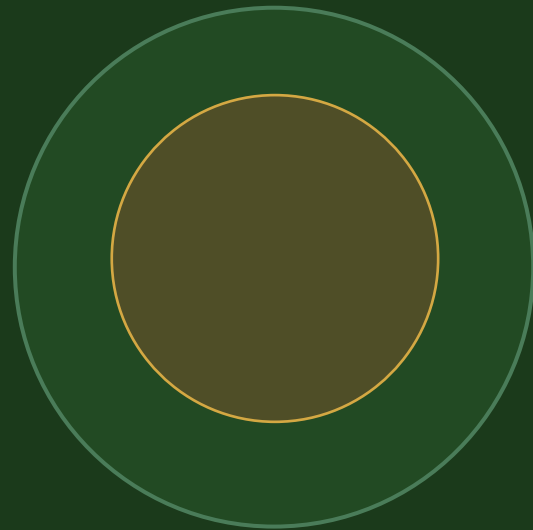
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A MURAL FOR

Woodland Branch Library

Proposal to the Parks, Art,
Recreation & Culture Commission



"A large-scale community mural celebrating native plants, literacy, and the natural world — painted on the exterior wall of Woodland Branch Library."

1

Community Art

An open Call for Artists invites local and regional talent to submit concepts rooted in the Los Altos community and its natural surroundings.

2

Nature & Literacy

Designs celebrate California native plants, outdoor exploration, and the library's mission to inspire curiosity and lifelong learning.

3

A Lasting Legacy

A professionally executed mural transforms the library building into a beloved community landmark for generations of visitors.

A New Kind of Community Space

Woodland Branch Library will soon have a vibrant new **outdoor reading and play area** fully funded by the Los Altos Library Endowment. This will be a welcoming space designed for children and families to explore, read, and connect with their community.

GreenTown Los Altos will create a **California native plant teaching garden** connecting library patrons to California's natural heritage and inspiring environmental stewardship in young learners.

One element remains: a mural that brings the full story of this place to life on the library's exterior wall.

Outdoor Reading & Play Space

A new outdoor reading & play area inviting families to gather and linger at the library

Native Plant Garden

A teaching garden of California-native flora, connecting patrons to local ecosystems

A Wall With Potential

A prominent exterior wall awaiting an artist to transform it into meaningful public art

Woodland Branch Library Project - Original Site



Woodland Library Terrace & Native Habitat – Completed Project



Example of a Mural added to the Woodland Terrace & Native Habitat



WHAT WE'RE ASKING PARC TO CONSIDER AT AN UPCOMING MEETING

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A

Organize the Call for Artists

Consider and approve a proposal at a future meeting to lead and administer a competitive, open Call for Artists — establishing eligibility criteria, submission requirements, and evaluation standards. PARC's credibility ensures a well-attended, professionally run competition.

B

Funding the Winning Mural

At a future meeting, consider and approve allocating funding from the Public Art Fees to commission the winning artist to paint the mural on the library's exterior wall, covering artist fees, materials, equipment, permits, and any necessary site preparation.

C

Incorporate Community Voice

If approved by the Commission at an upcoming meeting, PARC would include a public display of finalist designs with an opportunity for community feedback or voting — ensuring the final mural reflects the spirit and values of Los Altos residents.

Public Art Enriches Community Life

Murals create a sense of place, spark conversation, and make public spaces feel welcoming — especially for children visiting the library.

Supports Local Artists

A paid, competitive commission provides meaningful opportunity for Los Altos-area artists to gain visibility and contribute to the civic fabric.

Reinforces the Library's Mission

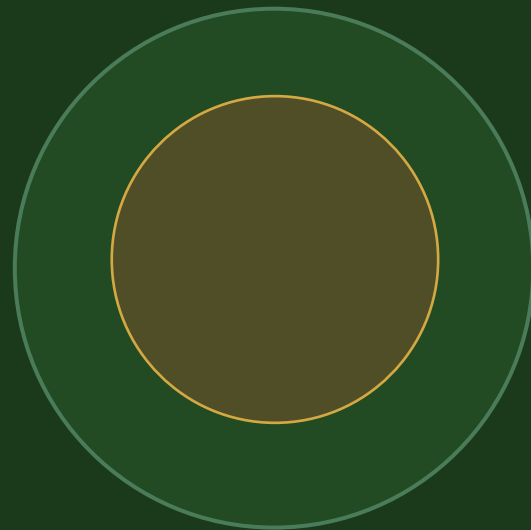
A mural tied to the native plant garden deepens the library's role as a gateway to environmental literacy, curiosity, and lifelong learning.

A Natural Fit for PARC

This project aligns directly with PARC's mandate to bring arts, culture, and enriching public spaces to residents of all ages across Los Altos.

WE INVITE PARC TO PARTNER WITH US

Help Us Create Something Worth Looking At



The Los Altos Library Endowment and GreenTown Los Altos seek PARC's consideration of our proposal to create a mural at the Woodland Library Terrace & Native Habitat— and help us give this new community space the lasting, beautiful story it deserves.



**CITY OF LOS ALTOS
PARKS, ARTS, RECREATION & CULTURAL
COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
March 17, 2026
6:00 PM
Los Altos Community Center - Sequoia Room
97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022**

ESTABLISH QUORUM

PRESENT: Chair Morris, Vice Chair Nguyen, Commissioners Stout, Dolich, Sangani, and MacDonald

ABSENT: None

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Morris called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. **Minutes: Approve minutes from the February 17, 2026 meeting**

Public Comment: None

Action: Based on a motion by Commissioner Dolich, which was seconded by Commissioner Stout, the PARC Commission voted to approve the minutes as written.

Approve: Morris, Nguyen, Stout, Dolich, Sangani

Oppose: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed, unanimously: 5-0-0

Commissioner MacDonald arrived at 6:03pm

2. **Playground Design Working Group: Create working pair or Ad-Hoc committee**

Public Comment: Andrea Wald
Laura Fay

Action: Commissioner Dolich moved that the PARC Commission create a Playground Design ad-hoc committee. Commissioner MacDonald seconded the motion.

Approve: Morris, Nguyen, Stout, Dolich, Sangani, MacDonald

Oppose: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed, unanimously: 6-0-0

3. Work Plan Updates: Working pairs will be updated on timelines

Public comment: None

Action: None

4. Meeting Procedure: Review of meeting procedure and public process expectations

Public comment: None

Action: None

5. Parks Tour: Plan Commissioner tour of parks with staff

Public comment: None

Action: None

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. Staff

- **Spring Egg Hunt — April 4**
- **Family Fun Day — April 18**
- **Background checks to volunteer through Recreation Supervisor, Bridget Matheson**

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Presentation by Bridget Mataheson regarding events/volunteering

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Morris adjourned the meeting at 6:57pm



TO: Parks, Arts, Recreation and Culture Commission

FROM: Manny A. Hernandez, Parks & Recreation Director

SUBJECT: Arts Los Altos/PARC Collaboration Project – Mosaic Bench

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and discuss the current proposal on the mosaic bench collaboration project with Arts Los Altos and make a recommendation for use of Art-in-Lieu funds for the project

BACKGROUND

The PARC Commission has been working with Arts Los Altos on a collaboration project for the installation of a mosaic bench downtown. This bench to be used is currently in place in front of 130 Main Street (Citybank).

If the commission recommends use of Art In Lieu funds for this project, a standard call for art process would be done to select an artist to add the mosaic tiles. The commission will work with Arts Los Altos to specify in the call for art the theme, process and schedule for this project. Photos and bench dimensions are attached.

The estimated cost for this project is \$65,000 and currently has no other funding source. The current amount of the Art In Lieu fund is \$677,534. The timeline for completion is 14 weeks.

The PARC Commission will provide input on the proposal and make a recommendation on the use of City of Altos Art In Lieu funds on this project.

Attachments:

- A. Bench photos and specifications.

Community Mosaic Project

Mosaic Bench Collaboration with PARC

Bench location: Main Street in front of CitiBank.



Measurements:

Seat

24 in. depth

15.5 in. inside inside length

19 in. height (without wings)

19.5 in. Overall length front

23.4 in. Overall length back

Wings

46.5 in. long wing

27 in. short wing

30 in. angle side

28 in Overall height of wing





TO: Parks, Arts, Recreation and Culture Commission

FROM: Manny A. Hernandez, Parks & Recreation Director

SUBJECT: FY 2026/27 Park Impact and Public Art Fund Review

RECOMMENDATION:

PARC Commission to review the fiscal year 2026/27 budgets for the Park-In-Lieu and Public Art funds.

BACKGROUND

For fiscal year 2026/27 the Park Impact fund will be utilized for projects that have started in the current fiscal year and will be completed in the coming fiscal year or will be started 2026/27. Total Park Impact funding for 2026/27 is expected to be \$19.7M. New projects for the upcoming fiscal year are listed below.

- ☐ Tennis Court Resurfacing
- ☐ Grant Park Court Replacement
- ☐ McKenzie Pickleball Court Build
- ☐ Garden House Upgrade Design
- ☐ Lincoln Park Gazebo Replacement
- ☐ Admin Building B Playground Expansion
- ☐ Redwood Grove Cement Pathway Replacement

Currently, the Art In Lieu fund is \$677,534. Based on the anticipated maintenance, existing art rental turnover and the desire by the PARC to increase art in Los Altos in the upcoming fiscal year, staff recommends Art In Lieu is funded in the amount of \$220,000. Estimated breakdown is below.

\$60,000	Sculpture maintenance
<u>\$160,000</u>	Sculpture purchases/Art collaborations
\$220,000	FY 2026/27 Proposed Total

The PARC Commission will provide input on the proposed Park Impact funded projects and make a recommendation on expenditures for the Art In Lieu 2026/27 funding.

Attachments:
A. None