



PARKS, ARTS, RECREATION & CULTURAL COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

**May 19, 2026 - 6:30 PM
Los Altos Community Center - Sequoia Room
97 Hillview Ave, Los Altos, CA 94022**

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

AGENDA

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.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

1. **Minutes**
Approve the minutes of the April 21, 2026, PARC meeting and the April 27, 2026, Joint meeting (PARC, Library, Senior, & Environmental Commissions).
2. **Community Center Gallery Hanging - New Program Schedule/Next Theme Call for Art**
Discuss the plan for the upcoming LACC gallery program.
3. **Halloween Movie Selection**
Commission to make the final decision of what movie to play at the Outdoor Halloween Movie Night by choosing from the list provided.
4. **Library Mural Discussion**
Commission will discuss and make a recommendation on the City's involvement in the placement of a mural at the Woodland Library as part of the current outdoor improvement project.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

5. **Staff Report**
Receive information and announcements from city staff.

COMMISSION/SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

Playground Ad Hoc Update

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Review of updated playground design (Grant & Shoup)
Schedule of Farmer's Market Table

ADJOURNMENT

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**CITY OF LOS ALTOS
PARKS, ARTS, RECREATION & CULTURAL
COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

April 21, 2026

6:30 PM

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

ESTABLISH QUORUM

Present: Chair Morris, Commissioners Dolich, Stout, Sangani, and MacDonald

Absent: Vice Chair Nguyen

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Morris called the meeting to order at 6:33pm

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. **Volunteering with Parks & Recreation — Bridget Matheson, Recreation Supervisor**
2. **Mural at Woodland Library — Freddie Wheeler**

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/ACTION

3. **Minutes: Approve minutes of March 17, 2026 Special meeting**

Public Comment: None

Action: Based on a motion by Chair Morris, which was seconded by Commissioner Sangani, PARC approved the minutes of the March 17, 2026 Special meeting as written.

Approve: Morris, Doich, Stout, Sangani, MacDonald

Oppose: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed, unanimously: 5-0-0

4. Arts Los Altos/PARC Collaboration Project — Mosaic Bench

Public Comment: None

Action: Chair Morris moved to accept the mosaic bench as the proposed Arts Los Altos and PARC Commission collaboration, move forward with Staff providing budget details, and ask City Council to authorize spending money from the Park in Lieu fund. Commissioner Dolich seconded the motion.

Approve: Morris, Doich, Stout, Sangani, MacDonald

Oppose: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed, unanimously: 5-0-0

5. Capital Improvement Major Maintenance Program Review (PIL) Public Art

Public Comment: None

Action: Chair Morris moved that PAR accept the proposed budget of the PIL fund. Commissioner Sangani seconded the motion.

Approve: Morris, Doich, Stout, Sangani, MacDonald

Oppose: None

Abstain: None

Motion passed, unanimously: 5-0-0

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

6. 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)
- Farmers' Market (tabling)
- Call to Art (Community Center Gallery)

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Morris adjourned the meeting at 7:03pm



**CITY OF LOS ALTOS
JOINT PARC, SENIOR, LIBRARY, AND
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27, 2026, 6:00 p.m.**

1 N. San Antonio Rd., Los Altos, CA

CALL MEETING TO ORDER: Brittany Whitehill, Senior Planner, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There was no public comment.

DISCUSSION

1. Study Session - Comprehensive General Plan Update – Community Visioning and Guiding Principles

Discuss the community vision and guiding principles associated with Phase 1 of the Los Altos Comprehensive General Plan Update.

Andrew Hill from Dyett and Bhatia gave a presentation.

PARC COMMISSION

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Five PARC Commissioners were present and in person during the meeting. Vice Chair Ngyuen was absent.

The PARC Commissioners discussed the item.

LIBRARY COMMISSION

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Four Library Commissioners were present and in person during the meeting. Chair Morris was absent.

The Library Commissioners discussed the item.

SENIOR COMMISSION

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Three Senior Commissioners were present and in person during the meeting. Commissioner Basiji and Vice Chair Trapnell was absent.

The Senior Commissioners discussed the item.

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

ESTABLISH QUORUM: Four Environmental Commissioners were present and in person during the meeting. Commissioner Hecht and Vice Chair Nee were absent.

The Environmental Commissioners discussed the item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Senior Planner Brittany Whitehill opened the public comment period.

Laura Fay and Maria Bautista from the public spoke.

Senior Planner Brittany Whitehill closed the public comment period.

POTENTIAL FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – Senior Planner Brittany Whitehill shared methods for community members to share.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

The Meeting recording may be viewed via the following external website: <https://www.youtube.com/@CityofLosAltosCA>. The City of Los Altos does not own or operate YouTube. The video referenced on these minutes were live at the time the minutes were published.



Parks, Arts, Recreation & Cultural Commission Staff Report

Meeting Date: May 19, 2026
Prepared By: Manny Hernandez

Subject: Community Center Gallery Hanging - New Program Schedule/Next Theme Call for Art

RECOMMENDATION

Discuss the plan for the upcoming LACC gallery program.

BACKGROUND

Currently, The Los Altos Community Center hangs art in the hallway gallery twice a year based on themes selected by the PARC Commission. The duration of the hangings is around 5-6 months.

Commissioners and staff have discussed possible changes to the gallery program that would allow for special displays that may include single artists, schools or specified organizations.

The PARC Commission will discuss the proposed changes and make a recommendation on how the LACC Art Gallery will be scheduled and managed going forward.

DISCUSSION

ATTACHMENTS

None



Parks, Arts, Recreation & Cultural Commission Staff Report

Meeting Date: May 19, 2026
Prepared By: Manny Hernandez

Subject: Halloween Movie Selection

RECOMMENDATION

Commission to make the final decision of what movie to play at the Outdoor Halloween Movie Night by choosing from the list provided.

BACKGROUND

The Los Altos Parks & Recreation Department, with assistance from the PARC Commission, will be hosting the annual Halloween Movie Night on Saturday, October 17, at the Grant Park Soccer Field (1575 Holt Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94024). The movie will begin at approximately 7pm. Past Halloween movie nights have been successful with as many as 120 people attending.

In the past, the PARC Commission has taken the opportunity to participate or assist in some way with the event, including choosing the movie. The public is advised to bring their own chairs and blankets for the event, and we encourage walking, biking, or carpooling due to the limited parking that's available. Popcorn and small goodies will be provided to attendees. Please feel free to reach out to Bridget Matheson (bmatheson@losaltosca.gov) with any questions or concerns regarding the event, or to put your name on the list of commissioners that will attend to assist on the day of the event.

DISCUSSION

ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 - Movie List

Movie List For 2026 Halloween Movie Night (Available on SWANK)(Updated 4/7/26

SWANK Website

<https://www.swank.com/parks-recreation/movies-tv/>

Casper (PG) (100 minutes) (Available)

Goonies (PG) (114 minutes) (Available)

Maleficent (PG) (97 minutes) (Available)

The Nightmare Before Christmas (PG) (76 minutes) (Available)

IF (PG)(104 minutes)(Available)

Grow (PG)(115 minutes)(Available)



Parks, Arts, Recreation & Cultural Commission Staff Report

Meeting Date: May 19, 2026
Prepared By: Manny Hernandez

Subject: Library Mural Discussion

RECOMMENDATION

Commission will discuss and make a recommendation on the City's involvement in the placement of a mural at the Woodland Library as part of the current outdoor improvement project.

BACKGROUND

At the April PARC Commission meeting, the Commission received a special presentation on a proposed mural to be placed on the Woodland Library building as part of the outdoor improvement project that is currently taking place. The request from the Los Altos Library Endowment (LALE) is for the City of Los Altos to select an artist through a call for art and fully fund the project.

The special presentation from the April meeting is attached as well as an estimated cost for the project that could potentially be funded through Art In Lieu. Top end estimate for the project is \$60,000.

The PARC Commission will discuss and make a recommendation on the request from LALE for the City to do a call for art and fund a mural on the Woodland Library.

DISCUSSION

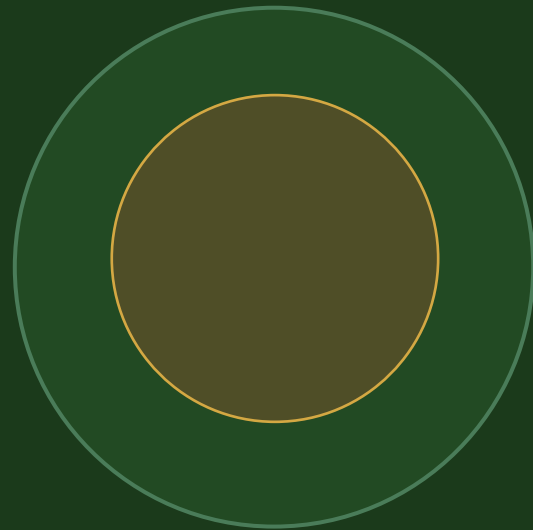
ATTACHMENTS

1. Attachment 1 - LALE Presentation
2. Attachment 2 - Mural Estimates

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

03

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

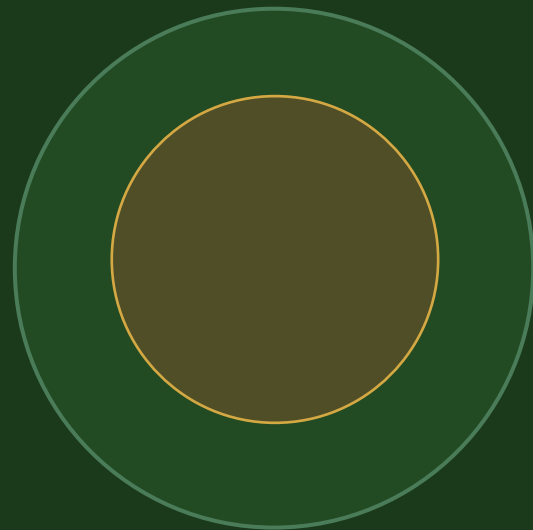
A mural tied to the native plant garden deepens the library's role as a gateway to environmental literacy, curiosity, and lifelong learning.

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.

WOODLAND TERRACE – MURAL COST ESTIMATE

1) Subtle / stylized (what your latest image suggests)

- Softer palette, less intricate feather/flower detail
- Some repetition in plant forms

☐ ☐ \$25–\$35/sq ft

☐ ☐ \$30,000 – \$42,000 ☒ *very realistic target*

2) Moderate detail (clean, professional, but not hyper-realistic)

- Distinct species, more shading, layered composition

☐ ☐ \$35–\$50/sq ft

☐ ☐ \$42,000 – \$60,000