

PAC meeting Jan 4, 2023 10:30 AM Minutes (taken by Robert Brent)

All members in attendance, (member Langberg joined late) plus Kari Svanstrom for City.

Further consideration of potential sites for public sculpture.

Discussion by each member of their preferences among the 4 possible locations

Entrance to Rodota Trail at Petaluma Blvd unanimous first choice.

Moved by Stucker to recommend this site to Council. 2nd by Brent. Approved unanimously.

Svanstrom will discuss with Regional Parks, who owns the parcel. Need informal approval to go to Council. Need their formal approval before putting out Call for Artists.

Discussion of whether a Theme should be part of CfA. No conclusion.

Discussion of funding. City budget suggests about \$30,000 available for sculpture.

Discussion of status of Ned Kahn sculpture. Geoengineering report complete. Making progress.

Discussion of Marghe's presentation to new City Council and inclusion of our process for site selection at Council meeting Feb 7, 2023.

Meeting adjourned 12:06 PM

SITES

	North City Limits @ WC Trail	Covert/Hwy 116	Petaluma Ave/Rodota Trail	Spooner Park	Notes
Site Criteria					
City Location	North Gateway	North Gateway	South Downtown Gateway	South Gateway	
Site Ownership	Sonoma County	City/CalTrans depending	Sonoma County	City-owned	
Vehicular Trips (daily trips)	17,200	17,200	11,100	22900 (would be approx. half as half are southbound trips)	
Pedestrian Trips	++	+	+++	+	
Space (size; horizontally & vertically)	Would need large scale art piece	vertical space more than horizontal	generous space available	at south side where service org sign is	
Scale of Site (relative to potential art; negative space)	appropriate; relative to tree trimming/removal	Could be very visible in future if round-about (or traffic signal)	generous, trees are good backdrop	somewhat constrained due to other items (Trees, stop sign, etc.)	
Visibility	on one side of street ('exit' side to town). Feels 'too far out of town'?	very visible; adjacent to well-used shopping	very good; if in vehicle best when congested, not as much when not congested. Excellent for pedestrians, near crosswalk; near public parking	highly by incoming traffic	
Anything Needing Removal	could require tree removal or trimming	smaller shrubs/grasses only	bench (relocate possible); clothing drop site change in location?	relocation of service sign either further north or other site.	
Existing Landscaping &/or Trees	could require tree removal or trimming	larger tree west of site in median	no changes needed, possibly trim/limb up trees; there is an informal path on south side- could this be part of area?	potentially limb up closest trees	
Other Obstructions	none		parked vehicles east side of Petaluma Ave/at curb need to be considered in art proposal (height of art)	solar dragon and stop sign; memorial stone? And utility line guywire	
Safety Factors	none	potential traffic issues? Check with W-Tran	potential changes to informal pathways in the area may need attention/modifications.	no pedestrian access	
Utilities	none	may be water utilities to coordinate with - check with PW	none	solar dragon may have underground wiring	
Timeline needed	some to discuss with County		some to discuss with County	discussion to relocate signage service organization signs	
Cost Considerations (outside of art piece)	n/a	n/a	n/a	relocation of signage/tree work	
Type of Art Suggested	large scale		large scale, 3-dimensional	large scale (vertically)	
Electric access	unknown	unknown/likely none	none	possibly/on site, need to check	
Hazards? (flood, etc.)	none	distance to power lines?		traffic distractions	
Other considerations		may need to be moved in future depending on improvement to intersection	vegetation in area notify adjacent property owner - possible improvements to fence?		

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Robert	2nd choice, ped access and near trail	not accessible by peds	1st choice, visibility, access to peds	not accessible by peds	
Barbara	3rd	awkward/dangerous	1st choice	2nd choice b/c geographic location	like all
Jeff		potential round-about	1st choice, access to peds and visible to vehicles, less obstacles	2nd choice - feeling of entrance to city particularly for vehicles, but would like better pedestrian access to it.	would like to discuss steps to be taken with spooner park changes into future to potentially prep for future piece.
Lars		3rd -could be dramatic to look at, would be very different piece	1st choice, like idea of potential connect from trail to art center (in prior studies including SDAT and Calder Creek naturalization project)	2nd could be dramatic/sculptural moment	fine with art seen by car or visible only from distance.
Marghe	doesn't stand out	feels dangerous/problematic. May be clearer when intersection improvements completed.	1st choice	want to keep in mind due to prominence/entry to town. Accessible by foot important, but keep in mind esp as we look at signage in town	agrees with all/analysis/thoughts by others