Palo Alto welcomes volunteers and we appreciate that you are taking the time to apply. Completion of this application provides valuable information to the City Council. Please complete the application to the best of your abilities. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the City Clerk’s Office.

The duties of the Commission are:

- To advise the city in matters pertaining to the quality, quantity, scope, and style of art in public places,
- To periodically review, at least once a year, the capital improvement program with the staff and such other members of the city staff as may be appropriate for inclusion of works of art in various projects,
- To devise methods of selecting and commissioning artists with respect to the design, execution, and placement of art in public places and, pursuant to such methods, to advise staff on the selection and commissioning of artists for such purposes,
- To advise the city regarding the amounts to be expended on art in public places,
- To advise and assist staff in obtaining financial assistance for art in public places from private, corporate, and governmental sources,
- To review plans for the installation of art in public places,
- To review the inventory of art in public places and to advise the city in matters pertaining to the maintenance, placement, alteration, sale, transfer, ownership, and acceptance or refusal of donations of, and other mailers pertaining to, art in public places,
- To recommend the retention of consultants, consistent with the city’s consultant selection procedures, to assist the city in making decisions concerning the art in public places program,
- To advise the city on such other matters pertaining to the art in public places program as may be appropriate,
- To advise and assist private property owners who desire such advice and assistance regarding the selection and installation of works of art to be located on their property in the public view,
- To act as a liaison between local artists and private property owners desiring to install works of art on their private property in public view,
To give recognition to, and to maintain, an inventory of meritorious works of art in the public view, and

To endeavor to preserve works of art in the public view deemed to be meritorious by the public art commission through agreements with the property owner and/or the artist.

Please see Palo Alto Municipal Code Sections 2.16, 2.18, and 2.26 for more detailed information.

The Public Art Commission is composed of seven members who are not Council Members, officers, or employees of the City and shall be members of the architectural review board or shall be professional visual artists, professional visual arts educators, professional visual arts scholars, or visual arts collectors whose authorities and skills are known and respected in the community and, whenever feasible, who have demonstrated an interest in, and have participated in, the arts program of the city. Palo Alto residency is not required. Terms of Commissioners will be for three years.

The Public Art Commission typically meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm. In addition to regular meetings, Commissioners may be asked to participate on at least one sub-committee which could hold additional meetings.

To receive email notifications of vacancies contact the City Clerk's Office at 650-329-2571 or Jessica.Brettle@cityofpaloalto.org.
Public Art Commission

Personal Information – Note: The PAC regularly meets the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Name:
Address:
Cell Phone:
__ Home / __ Office Phone:
E-mail:

Are you a Palo Alto Resident? __ Yes __ No

Do you have any relatives or members of your household who are employed by the City of Palo Alto, who are currently serving on the City Council, or who are Commissioners or Board Members? __ Yes __ No

Are you available and committed to complete the term applied for? __ Yes __ No

California state law requires appointed board and commission members to file a detailed disclosure of their financial interests, Fair Political Practices Commission, Conflict of Interest, Form 700.

Do you or your spouse have an investment in, or do you or your spouse serve as an officer or director of, a company doing business in Palo Alto which you believe is likely to:

1) engage in business with the City,
2) provide products or services for City projects, or
3) be affected by decisions of the board or commission you are applying for? __ Yes __ No

Excluding your principal residence, do you or your spouse own real property in Palo Alto? __ Yes __ No

How did you learn about the vacancy on the Public Art Commission?

__ Community Group __ Daily Post
__ Email from City Clerk __ City Website
__ Palo Alto Weekly __ Flyer
Other: __________________________________________________________________________________

List relevant education, training, experience, certificates of training, licenses, or professional registration:
Employment

Present or Last Employer:
Occupation:

Describe your involvement in community activities, volunteer and civic organizations:

1. What is it about the Public Art Commission that is compatible with your experience and of specific interest to you, and why?
2. Please describe an issue that recently came before the Commission that is of particular interest to you and describe why you are interested in it. If you have never been to a Commission meeting you can view an archived video from the Midpen Media Center: [LINK].

3. If appointed, what specific goals would you like to see the Public Art Commission achieve, and why? How would you suggest accomplishing this?
4. Public Art Commission Members work with the document listed below. If you have experience with this document, please describe that experience. Experience with this document is not required for selection.

Public Art Master Plan [LINK]

Consent to Publish Personal Information on the City of Palo Alto Website

California Government Code Section 6254.21 states, in part, “No state or local agency shall post the home address or telephone number of any elected or appointed official on the Internet without first obtaining the written permission of that individual.” The full code is attached. This consent form will not be redacted and will be attached to the Application and posted to the City’s website.

The full code can be read here: [LINK]

Read the code, and check only ONE option below:

____ I give permission for the City of Palo Alto to post to the City’s website the attached Board and Commission Application intact. I have read and understand my rights under Government Code Section 6254.21. I may revoke this permission at any time by providing written notice to the Palo Alto City Clerk.

OR

____ I request that the City of Palo Alto redact my home address, phone numbers, and email address from the attached Board and Commission Application prior to posting to the City’s website. I am providing the following alternate information and request that they use the following contact information instead.

Address:

Cell Phone:

__ Home / __ Office Phone:

E-mail:

Signature: ________________________________________________________ Date: _____________