



City of Palo Alto City Council Staff Report

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Summary Title: Proclamation to honor Paula Kirkeby

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From: City Manager

Lead Department: Community Services

Recommendation

Staff recommends that Council present a proclamation to honor community member Paula Kirkeby.

Executive Summary

Arts professional, consultant, volunteer, and owner and operator of Palo Alto's Smith Andersen Editions press and gallery, passed away on April 1, 2016. This proclamation honors her contributions to Palo Alto and the larger community.

Background

Paula Kirkeby came to Palo Alto in 1956 and was an active member of the community as a volunteer, gallery owner, fine art press owner and operator, and supporter of the arts. For more than three decades at Smith Andersen Editions, Kirkeby worked to provide extraordinary opportunities for artists to experience printing at the press, developing an impressive roster of editions from artists of national and international acclaim. Kirkeby was an active contributor to the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation, participated in early capital campaign leadership and served on the Palo Alto Public Art Commission. She facilitated the contribution of more than 30 works of art to the Art in Public Places collection of the City of Palo Alto.

Attachments:

- Paula Kirkeby Proclamation (DOCX)



Proclamation

PAULA KIRKEBY

WHEREAS, Paula Kirkeby first came to Palo Alto in 1956 and opened an art gallery at 200 Homer Street in 1969. In 1978 she opened 3EP Press with partners Mary Margaret “Moo” Anderson and Joseph Goldyne, printing fine-art editions with artists such as Nathan Oliveira and Frank Lobedell; and

WHEREAS, in 1984 Paula Kirkeby became sole owner of 3EP Press and named it Smith Andersen, relocating it to its current location on Pepper Avenue in Palo Alto; and

WHEREAS, for more than three decades in a modest Palo Alto building on a residential street, Paula Kirkeby provided extraordinary opportunities for artists to experience printing at the press, developing an impressive roster of editions from artists of national and international acclaim such as Bruce Conner, Enrique Chagoya, Sam Francis, George Herms, Ed Moses, Miriam Schapiro and so many more; and

WHEREAS, Paula Kirkeby coordinated exhibitions for artists from all over the world to share their work with the Palo Alto community; and

WHEREAS, as an active volunteer, Paula Kirkeby served on the Palo Alto Public Art Commission, facilitating the contribution of more than 30 works of art to the Art in Public Places Collection of the City of Palo Alto and also served on the early capital campaign leadership group of the Palo Alto Art Center Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Paula Kirkeby was an art enthusiast, collector, consultant, gallery professional and community volunteer who worked tirelessly and passionately to create a vital community of friends, collectors, artists and museum professionals at Smith Andersen Editions; and

WHEREAS, Paula Kirkeby died in her Palo Alto home on April 1, 2016 at age 81, leaving behind a legacy of art that continues to benefit the entire community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, PATRICK BURT, Mayor of the City of Palo Alto, on behalf of the City Council do hereby extend its sincere appreciation and gratitude to Paula Kirkeby for her significant contributions to Palo Alto and the larger community.

Presented: June 13, 2016

Patrick Burt
Mayor