

Claremont Public Art Committee

League of Women Voters of the Claremont Area Observer Report

By Observer Jack Caselles

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The purpose of the City of Claremont's Public Art Program is to enhance the aesthetic and cultural quality throughout the community, provide opportunities for the public to be exposed to a broad range of quality visual art, acknowledge our local artistic community, inspire pride, identity, and a sense of place among the residents of the community and enhance the general welfare of people living and working in the City of Claremont. (Policies and Procedures on file)

* Meetings are usually 2nd Mondays, 7:00 pm, every other month: January, March, May and June

* Current members of the Committee: Amy Croushore – Chair, Karen Neuber, Adriana Tchalian, Georgette Unis, Christopher Toovey, Jessica Wimbley, and Brian Worley.

* Professional Staff include: Melissa Vollaro – Human Services Manager, City of Claremont

The committee is composed of local artists, teachers and very busy people who are eager to share their time to get the subcommittee work projects completed.

The committee regularly is concerned with projects like "Art in the Parks", "City Hall Art Installation", the Indian Hill Median Project and various activities such as the 4th of July activities and art exhibits in the community. The committee is involved in the acquisition and de-acquisition of art and its rotation within the city.

Public Art is dependent on "In Lieu Fees" by builders who do not choose to include public art in their construction plans. These fees provide the funding for the projects already mentioned.

Currently, research is being done on the restoration of the Old Schoolhouse site, and the selection of an artist and site for a mural 47 ft x 11 ft tall in the downtown area of Claremont.

Attention: the Report called MOMENTUM: Public Art Master Plan for Claremont, California, 2014, Gail M. Goldman Assoc. <http://www.ci.claremont.ca.us/home/showdocument?id=1727> .