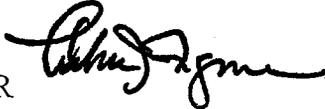




COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

DATE: April 13, 2006

TO: MAYOR AND TOWN COUNCIL

FROM: DEBRA J. FIGONE, TOWN MANAGER 

SUBJECT: ADOPT A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF AN OIL PAINTING BY ARTIST LAURNA MERRIELL OF THE LYNDON HOTEL DONATED BY JOHN AND JANE KELLY

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a resolution authorizing the Town Manager to accept the donation of an oil painting by artist Laurna Merriell of the Lyndon Hotel donated by John and Jane Kelly.

BACKGROUND:

Laurna Merriell was a member of the Los Gatos Art League in the 1960s and 1970s who often exhibited her paintings in the town plaza, across from the Hotel Lyndon. When it became evident in early 1963 that the landmark hotel would soon be demolished, Ms. Merriell spent days in the plaza creating a painting to help preserve the memory of a building which for nearly 64 years had played an important role in the culture of the community.

DISCUSSION:

The Hotel Lyndon opened on June 1, 1899, constructed mostly of redwood from James Lyndon's lumber yard. Each of its 60 rooms was elegantly furnished and carpeted. The lady's parlor had easy chairs, paintings and a piano. The gentlemen's sitting room featured Navajo artwork and rugs. Many people who arrived in Los Gatos by train remembered spending their first night at the Lyndon, and enjoyed the spacious gardens at the rear of the building. When her painting of Hotel Lyndon was finished, artist Laurna Merriell's husband John made the frame and the art work was presented as a gift to John and Jane Kelly. The Kellys now seek to pass the painting on to the Town of Los Gatos, to help preserve the image of an important part of its history.

PREPARED BY: PEGGY CONAWAY
Library Director



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Reviewed by: _____ Assistant Town Manager OK Town Attorney _____ Clerk Administrator
SC Finance _____ Community Development

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CONCLUSION:

Staff recommends that Council adopt a resolution to accept this donation.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT:

Is not a project defined under CEQA, and no further action is required.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Copy of Lyndon Hotel painting

Distribution: General

RESOLUTION NO.

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
AUTHORIZING THE TOWN MANAGER
TO ACCEPT THE DONATION OF AN OIL PAINTING
BY ARTIST LAURNA MERRIELL OF THE LYNDON HOTEL
DONATED BY JOHN AND JANE KELLY

WHEREAS, Laurna Merriell was a member of the Art League of Los Gatos in the 1960s and 1970s and,

WHEREAS, Laurna Merriell wished to preserve the history of Los Gatos and,

WHEREAS, Ms. Merriell created an oil painting of the Hotel Lyndon shortly before its demolition in 1963, and

WHEREAS, Laurna and John Merriell presented the finished painting as a gift to John and Jane Kelly, and,

WHEREAS, John and Jane Kelly wish to present the painting to the Town of Los Gatos.

RESOLVED, by the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos that the Town Manager is authorized to accept the donation of the oil painting from John and Jane Kelly.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a _____ meeting of the Town Council of the Town of Los Gatos, California, held on the _____ day of _____, 2006 by the following vote:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

SIGNED:

MAYOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

ATTEST:

CLERK ADMINISTRATOR OF THE TOWN OF LOS GATOS
LOS GATOS, CALIFORNIA

