

Los Altos Bike Rack Design Competition GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY

This competition is open to community members, artists and design professionals with a creative flair and an eye for fun functionality. Everyone is encouraged to participate. All submissions will be considered from 8-80+. The competition welcomes the creative energy of the biking community to assist in the creation of this important element of public art.

LOCATIONS

For this second competition, racks will be located throughout the City of Los Altos. Designs should not speak to an exact, specific location, but to Los Altos in general.

BIKE RACK DESIGN GUIDELINES

Each design will be reviewed for aesthetics, site appropriateness, and feasibility for fabrication and installation. Each rack should exhibit the artist's own original creative intent. Bike rack designs must meet the following criteria:

- Must be capable of securing at least two standard bicycles upright by their frames using standard bike locks, including a U-lock.
- Fit in a maximum footprint of 60" long X 12" wide X 48" high (suggested height)
- Include no sharp edges or other potential safety hazards
- Designs may be inspired by locations or businesses in the City, but may NOT advertise a specific business or group
- Designs should be appropriate for public display. Inappropriate or vulgar designs will not be considered
- Provide a minimum of two points of contact for each bike, e.g. touch each bike on two wheels or one wheel and the frame for stability
- Racks should be able to be fabricated using durable materials suitable for outdoor installation with little or no maintenance

Alterations may be proposed to submitted designs based on constructability or permitting requirements by the design review committee. Your design may be tweaked slightly to meet city and manufacturer guidelines.

For more information, review the City of Los Altos Artistic Bike Rack Policy online at www.losaltosca.gov/publicartscommission/page/artistic-bicycle-racks

SELECTION

A design review committee comprised of arts professionals and city representatives will be responsible for selecting winning designs. Proposals will be reviewed on the basis of creativity, artistic merit, technical proficiency and compatibility with the character of Los Altos. Functionality for the intended purpose, long-term maintenance, durability, and public safety concerns will be equally important selection criteria. Fabrication will be done by an established bike rack manufacturer/distributor.

SUBMISSION PROCEDURES

Artists may submit multiple designs, with one application per design.

Each participant must submit the following:

- A completed Los Altos Bike Rack Design Competition Application
- One copy of each design proposal in 8.5"X11" size on white background
 1. Design may be hand-drawn or prepared using a computer software program
 2. Should be to scale and include dimensions.
 3. Design may be in a 3 dimensional format for display using wire, cardboard, foam board etc. Must be able to stand alone. Small scale (maquette).

PLEASE SUBMIT PHOTOS OF MODELS ONLY

- One copy describing your design: inspiration and function (max 500 words) (optional)
- One copy brief biography of who you are and interest in design competition (optional)
- Please include your Name, Address, Phone Number and Email address on all documents submitted

Email, mail or deliver submission packets to:

Los Altos Bike Rack Design Competition
City of Los Altos
1 North San Antonio Road
Los Altos, CA 94022
administration@losaltosca.gov

DEADLINE

Submissions must be received by November 21, 2016. No late entries will be accepted.

PROJECT TIME TABLE

October 3, 2016 – Call for entries

November 21, 2016 – Submission Deadline

Month of December – Display designs and public voting

January 2017 – Design Selection Review

February 1, 2017 – Award Selected Artists

April 14, 2017 – Fabrication completed

May 5, 2017 – Installation completed

Week of May 8, 2017 – Bike to Work week unveiling ceremony

*Dates are subject to change

“Community is something we do together, it’s not just a container. Creative community building recognizes that there are many variations while furthering the ongoing effort to find and build common ground.”

-David Brain (sociologist)