

Temporary Art LED Sculptural Installation of *Entwined Meadow* by Charles Gadeken in Peacock Meadow in Golden Gate Park from December 1, 2021 – February 1, 2021

Motion: Motion to authorize the Director of Cultural Affairs to approve the temporary display of a multi component LED sculptural installation by artist Charles Gadeken in Peacock Meadow in Golden Gate Park from December 1, 2021 – February 1, 2022 through the sponsorship of the SF Parks Alliance.

Charles Gadeken's *Entwined Meadow* LED Sculptural Installation is returning to Golden Gate Park again this year after a successful installation last year pending approval from the Arts Commission. It was a very well received and enjoyed, popular project. This year's proposed sculptural installation of large metal fanciful fauna with thousands of individually addressable light pixels has been expanded to include two large trees, ten new medium-sized trees and 40 new clusters of flowers compared with last year's installation of three large sculptures and 20 flower clusters.

The following report from the SF Park Alliance, the project sponsor, provides a more detailed description of the proposed installation along with photos of the proposed work.

Entwined Meadow 2021 for Peacock Meadow - Golden Gate Park

Charles Gadeken's Entwined Meadow 2020 was a delightful experience for all that visited the installation during heightened Covid 19 restrictions. For the installation's 2021 debut, we look forward to bringing the artwork for a longer duration of time and with exciting new sculptures, elements, and features to bring magic, playfulness, and wonder to a critical mass of Bay Area residents, and visitors to enjoy.

Entwined Meadow 2.0 (2021 Installation) Description & Plan

Entwined Meadow is a site-specific installation creating a monumental, world-class environment consisting of a variety of large metal sculpted, whimsical fauna that includes thousands of individually addressable light pixels. The arrangement of elements in the installation creates twisting paths to be explored, trees to sit under, large flowering clusters to run around and admire, and constantly changing vistas of light and magic, with room for safe social distancing. The dynamic topography of light and color results in a multidimensional visual experience through coordinated programming across all the sculptural elements.

Different lighting effects, inspired by nature, create an exciting wonderland through a cadence of lighting effects. Sprinkles of color appear like raindrops on the pavement, bolts of color and flashes of light mimic lightning and thunderstorms, and many other lighting arrays that mimic nature's delights.

The complex patterns emerge and dissolve in ever-changing light impressions to inspire a sense of awe and curiosity, encouraging us to explore the space and thus engaging and inspiring new community and location connections and opportunities.

New sculptures and arrangements (2021-22): To refresh the overall installation composition in comparison to the 2020 project, new sculptural artworks in varying arrangements will be created and placed in differing layouts. This will create a more diversified, robust, and organic-like experience. The 2020 installation hosted 3 large trees and 20 'flower' clusters. For 2021, Entwined Meadow will incorporate many more pieces in a variety of sizes (heights and widths). Overall, there will be 2 large trees, 10 new medium-sized trees, and 40 new clusters

(making a total of 12 trees and 60 clusters). Please see below for a list of all pieces and proposed features.

- 2 large Entwined trees: 1 – 15 ft x 20 ft & 1 – 10 ft x 15 ft
- New Entwined groves of medium-sized trees: 10 trees range from 14 – 8 feet high and will be arranged in two (5 + 5) adjacent groves to allow wheelchair access
- Various sized Meadow Clusters for a more organic experience: Three sizes ranging from 18 in – 5 ft in height; proposing 12 – 5 ft, 8 – 3 ft, and 40 – 18 inch Clusters for a total of 60 cluster sculptures
 - o Clusters will be arranged in 'fairy' circles
 - Cluster circle color sequences can act individually or as one unique object
- New technical and interactivity features to be discovered and incorporated
 - o New colors and color sequences to be introduced into clusters
 - o More interactivity using touch sensors and a variety of QR codes
 - o 'Peep hole' tree knots that feature a view of fantastical images inside the trees
- Speaker system within some of the sculptures to allow low-level ambient music (this will be a deterrent to DJ parties).

Interactivity: For Entwined 2.0, QR code interactivity will be incorporated into various sculptural elements so visitors can control lighting patterns for a short duration of time. Budget and time allowing interactive panels will be designed and installed so that visitors can use one or multiple panels to control lighting effects on various pieces of the artwork.

Scale drawing Entwined Meadow in proposed site at Golden Gate Park



