

Request for Review and Update of the 1% For The Arts Policy

To: Staff and City Council

From: Council Members Beumer and Dahlen

We are writing this to request that the 1% for the arts policy be placed on the April 1st agenda for review.

We are proposing that we reduce the 1% for the arts policy to one half percent (.5%) and set a cap not to exceed a certain dollar amount. In other words, we propose a cap via a sliding scale per project. Art is an important asset to our community but to what extent is it when so many other things do not get taxpayer funds aside for support?

We would also like to discuss and review the types of projects that are tagged with this policy. We are asking that routine maintenance projects do not get tagged with this policy. Example being the replacement of some streetlights, sidewalk repairs, etc. See Resolution 2025-014 passed via consent agenda during the 2/4/2025 CC Meeting. This resolution was to replace some streetlights along TH3 and we approved \$1538.00 for the arts as a result.

Please know this is to discuss possible reductions to the program and not to eliminate it all together. We need to ask ourselves if spending more tax dollars is needed on projects.

Thank you

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