



Legislation Text

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City Council Meeting Date: August 8, 2017

To: Mayor and City Council
City Administrator

From: Teresa Jensen, Director of Library & IT Services

Review of Proposed Public Art Policy.

Action Requested:

None. Discussion only.

Summary Report:

One of the purposes of the Arts and Culture Commission (ACC) is to advise the City of Northfield (the City) on arts policies and arts development, as detailed in Ordinance No. 855 establishing the Commission. The Ordinance describes Commission Purpose (Sec 2-357) and Responsibilities (Sec. 2-358). Responsibilities include:

(f) Upon request of the city council, develop and advocate design standards for city facilities, public areas, and private development, which represent a coherent image of Northfield as a place of unique aesthetic, architectural, and cultural identity;

(g) Plan and advocate funding for the installation of public art in Northfield that enhances the city's appearance and artistic appeal;

In recent years, the ACC has received requests from public and private entities regarding design standards and display of art. In order to meet these requests, the ACC is developing guidelines related to the development, siting, and installation of public arts and, in the case of public funding, review standards and procedures for the selection of quality public art.

The ACC therefore has drafted a policy and procedures related to 2-358 (f) and (g). We are asking tonight for Council review and discussion, seeking Council approval in a following Council session.

A web-link to the guidelines and review procedures will be published on the ACC web page, and the document will be incorporated into the ten-year goals document that the ACC is currently in the process of developing.

Alternative Options:

Currently there is no process for the review and acceptance for public art. City Council may vote to continue to allow for any and all art to be installed on public land in the absence of a formal process.

Financial Impacts:

The acceptance of the Public Art Policy and the formation of ad hoc Public Art Review Committees is not anticipated to have any financial impact.

Tentative Timelines:

August 8, 2017	Council review and input
August 22, 2017	Council consider approval of the Public Art policy