


Public Spaces and Cultural Heritage Board

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation
FROM: Jen Basham, Director of Parks and Recreation
MEETING: June 23, 2026

SUBJECT:

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide staff feedback regarding the survey of public art in Old Town to initiate the development of a public art inventory. *(Staff Contact: Sarah Heath, Senior Administrative Specialist)*

STRATEGIC PRIORITY AND GOAL(S):

Strategic Priority	Strategic Goal
 <p>Great Place to Live Through Expanded Quality of Life Amenities</p>	4.3 Provide outstanding cultural, educational and entertainment opportunities

SUMMARY:

The City of Burleson has developed the Public Art Master Plan to provide a long-term framework for guiding the development, funding, and management of public art throughout the community. The plan builds on the growing role of arts and culture in Burleson’s identity, economic vitality, and placemaking efforts. The plan was reviewed by the Community Services Committee on September 6, 2025, and formally adopted by City Council on October 20, 2025.

In accordance with the Public Art Plan, staff are conducting a survey of existing publicly accessible artworks located throughout the community. The purpose of this survey is to gather preliminary information on each piece so that the Board may evaluate whether it meets the definition of public art as established in the Public Art Policy, which was reviewed and discussed at the Board's May 12, 2026 meeting.

Initial data collected for each piece includes site name, address, general area, indoor or outdoor designation, title of work, artist, type of work, and photograph.

Pieces determined by the Board to meet the definition of public art will proceed to a verification phase. Staff will collect the following additional information for each qualifying work:

- Location descriptor and GPS coordinates
- Year of installation
- Dimensions
- Ownership, funding source, and any agreements on file
- Formal photographs suitable for future website publication
- Plaque information and artist or staff notes
- Condition assessment, maintenance concerns, and initiation of a maintenance log
- Deaccession documentation, as applicable

Upon completion, this data will be added to the City's official Public Art Inventory, representing an initial and foundational step in establishing the program structure outlined in the Public Art Plan. Future works commissioned or acquired in accordance with the Public Art Plan and approved by the Mayor and City Council will be entered into the inventory directly.

The survey report presented at the June 23, 2026 Board meeting will encompass artworks identified in Old Town Burleson. The Board will be asked to review these pieces and determine which qualify for verification and inclusion in the Public Art Inventory.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Public Spaces and Cultural Heritage Board may approve or deny the 11 artworks in Old Town presented for consideration as meeting the definition of public art.

PRIOR ACTION/INPUT (Council, Boards, Citizens):

None.

REFERENCE:

None.

FISCAL IMPACT:

None.

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