

# Capitola City Council

## Agenda Report



**Meeting:** August 28, 2025

**From:** Community Services and Recreation Department

**Subject:** Bandstand Weathervane Public Art Project

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**Recommended Action:** Approve the Art & Cultural Commission's recommendation to allocate \$10,000 from the Public Art Fund for the Bandstand Weathervane Project, with \$5,000 for an engineer to develop technical specifications and \$5,000 for an artist contract.

**Background:** Chapter 2.58 of the Public Art Programs establishes a Public Art Fund to enrich the City's cultural and aesthetic environment through public art initiatives. This fund is supported by commercial construction projects exceeding \$250,000, where developers contribute either 2% of the project cost for on-site public art or 1% directly to the Public Art Fund.

During the Art and Cultural Commission's (Commission) annual goal setting meeting the Commission identified the weathervane at the bandstand at Esplanade Park as a potential public art project.

**Discussion:** Staff has confirmed that installing a weathervane on the Bandstand is feasible and that there are no specific Building Code restrictions that would prohibit the project.

Before issuing a Call to Artists, it is necessary to specify the materials, installation method, and ongoing maintenance required for the Commission's vision for the project. Staff recommends contracting with an engineer to develop technical specifications for inclusion with the Call to Artists.

The estimated cost for these engineering services is not to exceed \$5,000. Due to the height of the Bandstand and limited access, the City would likely manage both the final installation and any future maintenance. At the August 12, 2025, meeting, the Art & Cultural Commission recommended allocating Public Art Funds for the engineering services and a \$5,000 artist contract budget for the Bandstand Weathervane Project.

**Fiscal Impact:** The current balance of the Public Art Fund is \$120,200, with \$50,000 committed to existing projects. The allocation for the Bandstand Weathervane Project includes \$10,000 for engineering services and the artist contract, plus 20 percent administrative costs for implementation, resulting in a total project budget of \$12,000.

### Attachments:

1. Draft Call to Artists: Bandstand Weathervane Project

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