



TOWN OF LOS GATOS
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: 01/21/2026

ITEM NO: 4

DATE: January 21, 2026
TO: Arts and Culture Commission
FROM: Ryan Baker, Library Director
SUBJECT: Review Recommended Arts and Culture Commission Work Plan Items for 2026 and Make a Recommendation to the Town Council

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommended the Arts and Culture Commission Work Plan items for 2026 for Town Council approval.

REMARKS:

To provide the Arts and Culture Commission clarity from the Town Council regarding its work, the proposed 2026 Work Plan will be taken to the Town Council for review and approval. This will ensure Council support, and sufficient staff resources in 2026.

In coordination with other Town Departments, staff has reviewed the Work Plan below, taking workload, time commitment, and alignment with Council priorities into consideration. Staff recommends the six items listed below to constitute the 2026 Work Plan. Staff believes that with existing resources, it is reasonable that these items can be accomplished in 2026.

The Commission may discuss, provide input, and ultimately make a recommendation to the Town Council. Staff will evaluate the Commission's recommendation based on current staff and budget capacity and present its recommendation to the Town Council for consideration.

Arts and Culture Commission 2026 Work Plan:

1. Public Arts Master Plan draft for Council review and approval. This document will address 2040 General Plan items PFS 25.1 through PFS 25.7, as well providing a guiding document and framework for implementation of the Town's Public Arts Fund Ordinance Chapter 25, Article VII, Section 25.70.000.

a. Complete remaining sections of the Master Plan section in draft format.

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- b. Collect input on draft plan from the public.
 - c. Collect input on the draft plan from the Parks and Sustainability Commission, and the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Commission.
 - d. Produce a final draft ready for Council Consideration.
2. **(As needed or requested) Review developer public art proposals** for building projects that are submitted that incorporate public artwork per the Town's Public Arts Fund Ordinance.
3. **(As needed or requested) Provide input on public art when requested by PPW** on CIP projects that incorporate public art.
4. **Art in the Council Chambers.** This is slated as an ongoing annual project to install exhibits in the Council Chambers each year.
 - a. Review applications for Art in the Council Chambers exhibits through an open call for artists.
 - b. (Subcommittee assignment) Install a new exhibit when capacity allows.
5. **Poet Laureate Selection.** The three-year term of the current Town Poet Laureate ends in December 2026.
 - a. Work with the Library Board to release the applications for the position.
 - b. Work with the Library Board to review applications and recommend a new Poet to the Town Council.
6. **Community Grant Application Rating.** Two ACC Commissioners are selected each year to participate as grant readers.

2026 Meeting Dates:

- January 21 at 4:00 p.m.
- February 18 at 4:00 p.m.
- April 15 at 4:00 p.m.
- May 20 at 4:00 p.m.
- June 10 Special Meeting at 4:00 p.m.
- August 19 at 4:00 p.m.
- September 16 at 4:00 p.m.
- October 21 at 4:00 p.m.
- November 18 at 4:00 p.m.

No meeting in March, July, or December.