



ARTS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

**Item (7)
July 17, 2024
Regular Business**

AGENDA ITEM INFORMATION

TITLE:	2025-2026 City Arts and Culture Workplan Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/> Discussion Only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Action Needed: <input type="checkbox"/> Motion <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance <input type="checkbox"/> Resolution
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	Endorse the 2025-2026 Arts and Culture Workplan Priorities	

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EXHIBITS:	1. 2025-2026 City Arts and Culture Workplan Priorities (Draft)

SUMMARY

The purpose of this staff report is to seek the Arts Council’s endorsement of the 2025-2026 City Arts and Culture Workplan Priorities (Exhibit 1) which will inform the development of the City’s Arts and Culture Workplan objectives for the 2025-2026 biennium.

BACKGROUND

The City’s Arts and Culture Workplan Priorities are developed to inform the staff workplan and arts and culture initiatives for the biennium. These priorities play a valuable role in shaping the direction, focus, and impact of cultural policies and initiatives within the community.

The priorities are developed by staff with guidance from the PROS Plan, Arts and Culture Comprehensive Plan, and community input. The priorities are endorsed by the Arts Council each biennium and should be reflective of the aforementioned plans, community input, and Arts Council goals.

At the [April 17, 2024 meeting](#) the Arts Council reviewed and discussed a draft set of priorities:

- Facilitate and promote comprehensive and engaging arts and culture experiences. (PROS Plan Goal 6).
- Encourage and support community engagement through collaboration and partnerships to grow high quality arts and culture programs. (Derived from PROS Plan Goal 7).
- Incorporate principles of environmental sustainability into arts and cultural practices.
- Complete three major City art and culture projects:
 - Update the Comprehensive Arts & Culture Plan (appendix to the Citywide Comprehensive Plan)
 - Complete the Public Art Deaccession Policy
 - Complete the Public Art Acquisition Policy/Memorial Art Acceptance Policy

Staff committed to returning in July with a revised set of recommended priorities reflective of the Arts Council's input to include:

- The inserting of diversity, equity, and inclusion within the priorities
- Broadening reference to sustainability
- Prioritizing performing art
- Updating the list of major projects for completion to be informed by work currently occurring.

DISCUSSION

Staff have developed a draft 2025-2026 City Arts and Culture Workplan Priorities (Exhibit 1) following the April 17th meeting. Tonight, staff request that the Arts Council review and endorse the recommended priorities for 2025-2026.

Following endorsement of the City Arts and Culture Workplan Priorities, staff request the Arts Council provide input toward desired outcomes for the biennium reflective of the endorsed priorities. Staff will utilize this input in developing workplan objectives for review at a future meeting.

NEXT STEPS

- Staff will return in October with attainable objectives and outcomes for Arts Council review and endorsement.
- Staff will include these priorities and objectives in the 2025 – 2026 Recreation Division Workplan and budget proposal for review by City Council.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Endorse the 2025-2025 Arts and Culture Workplan Priorities.