



PUBLIC ART COMMISSION OF TRUCKEE STAFF REPORT

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To: Public Art Commission of Truckee

From: Becky Bucar, Assistant Public Works Director

Subject: Public Art Inventory Update

Soon after the establishment of the Public Art Commission of Truckee (PACT), the commission began creating the Town's first Public Art Inventory, which now includes a corresponding online/interactive map. Once the inventory was complete, the sites were mapped. Both the slide deck and map version of the inventory may be found at the link below:

[Public Art Inventory | Truckee, CA](#)

The current inventory was an early accomplishment of the PACT and while the inventory is a useful resource, the PACT has expressed an interest in updating the inventory to include new photos, additional projects/sites, and potentially other items such as audio narrations, Spanish translations, and an updated map.

A first step in an update is for the PACT to revisit what projects and sites should be considered Public Art for purposes of the inventory. The 2019 Town of Truckee Public Art Master Plan defines Public Art as follows:

pub-lic art: n. 1 artwork of any media, for example sculpture, painting, mural, live performance or performing art (i.e. musical or dance), drawings, photographs, and other similar forms of art, whether temporary or permanent, that is either owned by a public agency and placed on public property, or owned by private entities and placed in public spaces or owned by private entities, placed on private property but viewable by the public.

While performance art and temporary art is part of the public art definition, given that the inventory will only be updated on an annual basis, staff recommends that the Public Art Inventory focus on permanent art installations at this time. Staff also recommends that it only include art that is truly publicly accessible, which would exclude sites such as schools and the Cancer Center. Attached is an edited version of the Art Inventory with staff's recommendations, including a "disclaimer" indicating that the limitations of the inventory (and focus on permanent accessible installations).

The Town website includes a link to allow people to recommend additions to the inventory but to date no submissions have been received. Once the list of art has been refined and updated, staff proposes to retain a photographer the Town has used in the past to update the photos at an approximate rate of \$100/hour, which would be charged to the Public Art Master Plan Implementation CIP (C2308). Staff will also update the design to meet our new Town branding guidelines but proposes to delay any additional update to a later date.

Staff Recommendation: Provide input on staff's recommended edits to the public art inventory, as well as the proposed plan to update the inventory.

Attachments:

Attachment A - Draft edits to Public Art Inventory