



## Public Art Committee Agenda Item

Meeting Date: November 6, 2025

Agenda Item: Dissolution of the Public Arts Commission

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### BACKGROUND

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The Public Arts Commission was established as a permanent committee to oversee public arts projects within the city.

Staff has been advised to bring forward a proposal to Common Council to consider the dissolution of the Public Arts Commission as an official city committee, but not as a committee with the community. While the commission has served an important purpose in the past, many of the core duties have been absorbed overtime into the operational scope of city staff or would be better served by organizations outside of the city offices. The East Gateway Public Art Project of 2016 was a success run by outside entities. This would allow the committee to operate without having to report minutes submit agendas, or have a city team member assigned.

Though not the primary factor of this recommendation, the commission's ongoing difficulties in achieving quorum have at times delayed timely responses and decision and removing some of those barriers, while allow the commission to still operate seems the most advantageous to successful projects.

### PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

### FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

N/A

### STAFF RECOMMENDATION

### ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)