



Council Agenda Item

Meeting Date: July 16, 2024

Agenda Item: Public Art Committee

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BACKGROUND

(Enter the who, what, when, where, why)

There has been strong interest from the community and members of the Common Council to pursue murals in the City. I have done some investigation about the steps that would need to be taken to pursue a mural project within the City. In City Ordinance 12.46 Public Artwork it outlines the steps needed to pursue murals, a form of public art. In Ordinance 12.46.090 it lists the Public Art Committee and the role that they play in relation to public art in the City.

I have looked into the City’s archives to see when this group last met. I believe the group had met in 2019. This was 2 directors ago, and the notes about this committee have been lost. I have looked in all of the physical files and had IT do a search for any electronic files. Sadly, nothing has produced. So, we are looking to reconvene this body to help assist with this project.

12.46.090 outlines the members of the Public Art Committee. The Committee must have one member from the Whitewater Art Alliance, one member from the board of Common Council or their designee, one member from Downtown Whitewater, and two members who are private citizens of the City of Whitewater with demonstrated knowledge and appreciation for visual art.

We are looking to reconvene the Public Art Committee as soon as possible to prepare for this mural project to come to fruition in the Summer of 2025. The Summer of 2025 also happens to be the 20th anniversary of the Whitewater Art Alliance. The Alliance has expressed interest in this project and having this project coincide with their celebration.

I am looking for a member of the Common Council to be apart of this committee to comply with the ordinance.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS – COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

(Dates, committees, action taken)

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT

(If none, state N/A)

N/A

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Have a member of the Common Council agree to be apart of this committee to comply with the ordinance.

ATTACHMENT(S) INCLUDED

(If none, state N/A)

Ordinance 12.46- Public Artwork