



Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission Staff Report

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Subject: Public Art Maintenance Assessment

Recommended Action:

Receive information from staff. Commissioners should volunteer to assess certain City Owned pieces to then collectively report back at an upcoming meeting.

Background:

Many of the City's public art pieces that are City-owned are in the 10 – 20 year old range. The majority of them were purchased from the City through the efforts of former group: Wilsonville Citizen's for Public Art. This group was active until around 2011.

In recent years the City has invested in the arts including the development of the City's Arts, Culture, and Heritage Strategy (2020), as well as forming the ACHC and hiring supporting staff (2022). Since then, with support from the ACHC, the City adopted a Public Art Policy and Guidelines as well as dedicated funding for the current Public Art Project at Boones Ferry Park. There is also dedicated funding for maintenance, subject to the annual budget approval process. Public Art Maintenance funding can only be utilized if maintenance issues are identified.

Now that the Public Art Program has become formalized and established, and new works are being added to the collection, it is imperative to do routine assessments to evaluate the current condition of the existing work.

Next Steps:

The ACHC will volunteer to assess different City-owned pieces sorted by location and report back at a future ACHC meeting (August or onward). Staff will compile information received and then be able to work with the City's Asset Management Coordinator, to reference what information was received from Artist's about maintenance, cleaning, etc.

Attachments

1. Works of Art Inventory Spreadsheet
2. Images