



Arts, Culture, and Heritage Commission Staff Report

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Subject: Public Art Maintenance Assessment (2)

Recommended Action:

Discuss findings from assessment of Public Art Pieces located at **Town Center Park and the Library**.

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.

At the May 20th, 2026 ACHC meeting staff provided additional information to the Commission about the City Owned Art pieces and showed a spreadsheet dividing up the pieces by location. At this meeting Commissioner's volunteered and assigned themselves to different pieces per location. Following the meeting staff created an assessment form for commissioners to utilize while evaluating pieces.

Next Steps:

At the next couple ACHC meetings, the Commissioners can discuss their findings and report back to the full commission. We will discuss 1 - 2 locations per meeting and then prioritize pieces and next steps for maintenance.

Attachments

- 1. Works of Art Inventory Spreadsheet**
- 2. Assessment Forms and Images**