



ARTS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20230123-10

Date: January 23, 2023

Subject: Application of City Ordinance 7-2 (Art in Public Places 2% for Art) to Public-Private Partnership (P3) projects

Motioned By: Commissioner Flores

Seconded By: Commissioner Polgar

Recommendation:

The Arts Commission recommends that Art in Public Places be included in P3 projects where an alternative project delivery process is used and construction costs are valued at \$200,000 or more.

Description of Recommendation to Council:

The Arts Commission recommends that Art in Public Places be included in P3 projects where an alternative project delivery process is used and construction costs are valued at \$200,000 or more. This investment maintains consistent efforts that contribute to the City's creative economy by supporting artists as small businesses, while also ensuring City buildings and public places reflect Austin's inspirational and creative spirit.

Rationale:

While there are other City programs and divisions that administer public-private development projects, Financial Services is currently the only department responsible for administering the P3 facility delivery method mentioned above. At such time that the Financial Services Department decides to utilize this P3 process to acquire a new City facility, the Art in Public Places Ordinance should apply. P3 projects will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis for appropriate or acceptable identification of Art in Public Places opportunities.

Vote

For: Chair Celina Zisman, Vice Chair Heidi Schmalbach, Brett Barnes, Acia Gray, Monica Maldonado, Lulu Flores, Felipe Garza, Amy Mok and Michell Polgar

Against: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Attest:
