City of Denton



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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

ACM: Christine Taylor

DATE: May 1, 2025

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give input to staff regarding the status of preparations for Halloween Denton 2025.

BACKGROUND

This item provides information about recent and upcoming arts projects and seeks feedback from the committee on those projects and plans.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Graveyard Tales

Parks and Recreation Staff are working with members of the Tejas Storytelling Association and the Denton's Storytelling Guild to plan a series of storytelling sessions on Saturday nights in October. These stories will be hosted at the City Hall Graveyard and will be suitably frightening for all ages. Guild members are currently building a roster of performers and their tales. These paid performances are supported by Halloween Denton funds and will be free to the public to attend.

Witch's Hat On the Square

Parks and Recreation staff are finalizing a Call for Artists / RFP for a Giant Witch's Hat that will serve as the placemaking item for Denton Halloween 2025 to be placed downtown. This Witch's Hat will be similar in function to the giant pumpkin that graced the square last year. Parks and Recreation staff are particularly interested in a Witch's Hat that features vibrant and interactive light and sound.

RECOMMENDATION

Support the projects as presented.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

Launch in late September through October.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Funding supported from HOT Funds.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet

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