



# City of Denton

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## AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation

**ACM:** Christine Taylor

**DATE:** April 2, 2026

### **SUBJECT**

Receive a report, hold a discussion, regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Public Art Committee.

### **BACKGROUND**

The role of the Public Art Committee (PAC) is provided both in the Public Art Policy (R2013-021) and repeated in the City's municipal code (Ch. 22, sec. 22.5). Under the Public Art Policy, PAC "will serve in an advisory capacity to the City Council" and make recommendations on the following policy areas:

- Commissioning, placing, and installing public art
- Implementation of funding mechanism(s) for public art
- Effective and Efficient management of public art
- Ongoing maintenance of public art
- Accessioning, Deaccessioning, and re-siting of public art.

The Public Art Policy defines public art as "encompassing the broadest definition of visual art including all artistic disciplines." Public included within the purview of the Public Art Committee includes "art that is visually or physically accessible to the public and that is acquired by, donated to, and approved by the City of Denton." Furthermore, the policy clarifies that public art that has not been paid for by the City of Denton or in some other way created through special approval of the City is not governed by this policy.

Like the Park Board, the public art committee is an "Advisory Board" meaning that its recommendations to staff and council are not binding.

The purpose of the Public Art Committee is to review planned, art-related work of the Parks and Recreation Department and to provide guidance on those plans. The Parks and Recreation Department benefits from the expertise of Public Art Committee members who are often working artists themselves, or otherwise deeply engaged in Denton's community of artists and cultural creators.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

None.

### **FISCAL INFORMATION**

Historically, funding for public art has derived from certain bond projects and HOT (Hotel Occupancy Tax) fund allocations, and grants from the Texas Commission on the Arts. The Public Art Policy also suggests private funding pursued by the City Council, Public Art Committee, and Greater Denton Arts Council (GDAC).

**EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet

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