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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

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DATE: April 2, 2026

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and provide input to staff regarding the status of the following Public Art Committee projects:

- 1) Current Projects
 - a) Traffic Box Wraps
 - b) Fire Stations #5 and #6
 - c) MLK Jr. Recreation Center Mural
- 2) Future Public Art Projects
 - a) Linda McNatt Animal Shelter Expansion (Bond-Funded)

BACKGROUND

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

CURRENT PROJECTS

Traffic Box Wraps

Our Traffic Box installers wrapped eight additional boxes in October. Staff delivered a post-inspection report that found some minor issues with the installation. These issues were remedied by the installer. Additionally, paperwork for artist payments have been submitted by staff to the City's accounts payable department. Artists were offered \$200 each as an honorarium for their work on the traffic box art.

Fire Stations #5 and Fire Station #6

Recently, a subcommittee of Fire Department Staff and Public Art Committee members met to consider the proposals received for each Fire Station. These projects are covered in detail in a separate agenda item. At the February meeting, the Public Art Committee recommended advancing the contracting process with the winning artists for each project: Denton Maker Center for Fire Station #5 and Di Bari Innovative Design LLC for Fire Station #6.

MLK Jr. Recreation Center Mural

Parks and Recreation received a \$20,000 grant from Keep America Beautiful to support a mural installation at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Recreation Center. Parks and Recreation staff have decided to use aluminum composite panels attached directly to the Recreation Center exterior walls. These panels are particularly suitable to the MLK mural project, as they allow the mural to be painted indoors.

A committee of PAC members and Parks and Recreation staff voted on the received proposals and chose JB Moore as the winning artist. Staff are working with Moore to gather the necessary documentation to

begin the contracting process. An ordinance for a contract with the artist will be brought to Council by City procurement staff.

Parks and Recreation staff asked for an additional, short extension for the project as JD Moore suggested his painting process would extend into mid-March. Staff are coordinating with the artist for a date when volunteers can help with certain elements of the mural. Parks and Recreation staff will coordinate with staff from facilities to schedule installation of the panels onto the MLK Recreation Center exterior.

FUTURE PROJECTS

Linda McNatt Animal Shelter Public Art

As part of the 2023 bond program, voters approved a resolution for an expansion to the Linda McNatt Animal Shelter that included a public art component. Parks staff developed an initial project scope that envisioned an outdoor public art component. Animal Services staff indicated a preference for an indoor public art piece in the facility’s foyer. Public Art Committee members offered feedback in April of 2025 indicating that they were not opposed to an indoor public art piece but emphasized that at least some component of the public art for that facility should be placed outdoors so that it is visible from the street. Staff are currently revising the project scope emphasize indoor and outdoor components.

RECOMMENDATION

None.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECTS

It is anticipated that public art components for the two fire stations will be complete by early 2027. Public art for the Animal Services Center should be complete and installed by Summer of 2027.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

Each project will have an anticipated maintenance need. Staff are currently working on determining an inspection and asset management protocol under an updated Public Art Policy that will allow for inspections of larger artwork on an annual basis, leading to more accurate estimates of maintenance needs.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Public Art Bond Issue Timeline

FY23-24 (Animal Center)	\$317,000
FY 24-25 (Fire Stations #5 and #6)	\$506,000
FY 26-27 (Active Adult Center)	\$930,000
FY 28-29 (S. Branch Library)	\$969,000

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2- Presentation

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