



TO: Mayor and Council

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SUBJECT: April 4, 2022 Council Agenda Responses

DATE: March 31, 2022

CA-8 – Resolution to Approve Public Art Enhancement Recommendations for FY2023-FY2028 Capital Improvement Projects

Question: Many of the notes pertaining to the Arts Commission’s recommendations regarding incorporation of art into public services projects indicate that the projects were completed but did not incorporate art or that it was not known that art was to be included in the project. It appears there has been a disconnect between Commission recommendations and project management. Has staff examined why these projects did not move forward and made changes in internal processes to ensure this doesn’t happen in the future? (Councilmember Briggs)

Response: There has been a disconnect between the identification of public art opportunities and their implementation. Staff will be working with the Public Art Commission over the coming months to develop a structured approach and work flow to ensure the arts community are engaged at the appropriate time as projects are being conceived and also provide a process for addressing public art proposals, both solicited and unsolicited. This, more structured approach, will ensure that the Art Commission’s recommendations are properly addressed.

Question: Why has staff determined that the sidewalk stamping program cannot move forward in Ann Arbor? It appears that other cities are doing this— for example, St. Paul has clearly successfully overcome any challenges and has an incredible sidewalk poetry

program: https://publicartstpaul.org/project/poetry/#about_the_project (Councilmember Briggs)

Response: Staff indicates that sidewalk stamping would violate ADA Standards. Staff will revisit the requirements and confirm that this interpretation is correct and report back to Council on their findings.

DS-1 – Resolution to Approve Industrial Facilities Exemption Certificate between the City of Ann Arbor and Sartorius BioAnalytical Instruments

Question: Is there any additional negotiation left to happen regarding terms or conditions for the exemption certificate or is that settled/prescribed by state law? (Councilmember Nelson)

Response: Yes, the City may add terms or conditions to the exemption certificate. While a decision must be made within 60 days of the March 8th application submission, the City is not obligated to approve any certificate.