



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Establish a Mechanism for Implementation of the Public Art Ordinance

Whereas, In November 2007, the City Council identified a community desire for increased investment in art as part of our public spaces;

Whereas, In December 2012, the City Council appointed a Public Art Task Force to make recommendations about public art in Ann Arbor; and

Whereas, The Public Art Task Force recommended in April, 2013 that the City eliminate the Percent for Art funding mechanism and amend the Public Art ordinance to emphasize three distinct opportunities for public art: general donations to a public art fund, selected art paid for with contributions or a combination of public and private dollars; and art designed to be an integral part of a specific capital improvement project;

Whereas, The Public Art Task Force also recommended providing a transition lasting 2-3 years, retaining the pooled funds in the interim;

Whereas, The City Council amended the Public Art ordinance to eliminate the Percent for Art funding mechanism while opening new opportunities for community collaboration on art, with an anticipated transition period of 2-3 years; and

Whereas, The Ann Arbor Public Art Commission and the City staff have been working toward that transition, but lack clarity on Council's expectations for the transition;

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator will direct the staff to develop a transition plan to be implemented by the staff and the Public Art Commission, said plan to be presented to Council on or before October 6, 2014;

RESOLVED, That during the transition, no additional projects will be initiated after March 3, 2014 using any remaining pooled Percent for Art funds; and

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator will establish a budget for public art administration for both the 2015 and 2016 fiscal years.

Sponsored by Councilmembers Briere, Petersen, Taylor, Teall and Warpehoski

As Amended by Ann Arbor City Council on February 18, 2014 and Revised on February 26, 2014 for Consideration on March 3, 2014