

Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council Item ID 22978 Agenda Number 12.

Meeting Date: 3/21/2013 Department: Economic Growth and Redevelopment

Subject

Approve the revised Artwork Donation and Loan Policy that will be administered by the Cultural Arts Division of the Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office and implemented citywide by various departments to manage the process of reviewing and accepting proposed artwork donations and loans to the City.

Amount and Source of Funding

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing	
Language:	
Prior Council Action:	August 16, 2012: Council approved Resolution No. 20120816-061 directing the City Manager to collaborate with the City of Austin Arts Commission to develop a consistent and efficient artwork donation policy that enables the City to respond to artwork donations or loan requests in a centralized way.
For More	Kevin Johns, Director / EGRSO, 974-7802; Megan Crigger, Cultural Arts Program Manager /
Information:	EGRSO, 974-9312
Boards and Commission Action:	Recommended by the Arts Commission, the Downtown Commission, and the Parks Board.
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	
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PROJECT SUMMARY:

This Request for Council Action is in response to Council Resolution No. 20120816-061 to develop a consistent and efficient artwork donation policy in collaboration with the Austin Arts Commission that would enable the City to respond to artwork donations or loan requests in a centralized way. The current Artwork Donation and Loan Policy has been in place since 1985.

Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office (EGRSO) staff led 4 meetings to determine revisions to the donation and loan policy. The following departments participated: Parks and Recreation Department, Austin Bergstrom International Airport, Austin Public Library, Austin Police Department, Austin Fire Department, Public Works, Austin Transportation Department, Austin Convention Center, Austin Energy, and Planning, Development and Review Department. A representative from the Austin Arts Commission served as liaison to the departmental working group. The Arts Commission has approved the revisions to Artwork Donation and Loan Policy.

The process of revisions to the policy resulted in a department-wide consensus on the need and intent of a policy. The recommended policy revisions will allow for a refined process for coordinated reviews and improved customer service. In addition, recommended changes will result in a citywide collection management organizational structure to ensure proper recordkeeping and maintenance of the City's cultural assets.