



City Council

Approval of Recommendation for Use of City Hall Public Art Funds

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Recommended Action

Finance Committee Recommendation:

The Finance Committee, on a 2-1 vote, recommends \$80,000 for public art at City Hall, the scope to be recommended by the Arts Commission, and \$100,000 to the Municipal Arts Fund.

Arts Commission Recommendation:

The Arts Commission recommendation is the same as the majority Finance Committee recommendation.

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to authorize staff to split the remaining funds (\$180,000) for Public Art associated with the construction of City Hall so that \$80,000 remains for public art at City Hall with the scope to be recommended by the Arts Commission and \$100,000 becomes available for other public art projects.

Report

Issue:

\$180,000 remains of the 1% for Art funds generated by the construction of City Hall. That sum was originally set aside for exterior artwork. Due to budget constraints, the contribution for the \$1 per capita has not been made since 2009.

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Presenter(s):

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Trent Hart, Chair, Olympia Arts Commission

Background and Analysis:

Arts Commission -

At the September 10, 2014 Finance Committee meeting, Arts Commission Chair Trent Hart presented a recommendation regarding funds for City Hall public art: During their June 12, 2014

meeting, members of the Olympia Arts Commission suggested splitting the 1% for Art funds generated by construction of City Hall. The Arts Commission proposed finalizing their request for funds for City Hall Public Art within their presentation of the Municipal Art Plan (MAP).

Finance Committee -

Hearing the recommendation of the Arts Commission, Finance Committee Members Selby and Cooper voted to recommend to Council splitting the fund to keep \$80,000 in the project fund for public art at City Hall and to move \$100,000 to the Municipal Art Fund for other projects. Finance Committee Member Jones voted against the recommendation. He noted City Hall currently has a sufficient representation of public art, and said the funds would best be spent on public art in other areas of the community. The recommendation passed out of Finance Committee on a 2 to 1 vote. Because of the split vote, this item is moved forward to Council for "Other Business" discussion consistent with Council Guidelines.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

Unknown.

Options:

1. Split the remaining funds (\$180,000) for Public Art associated with the construction of City Hall so that \$80,000 remains for public art at City Hall, and \$100,000 becomes available for other public art projects.
2. Do not split the remaining funds for Public Art associated with the construction of City Hall, keeping \$180,000 for public art at City Hall.
3. Do not split the remaining funds for Public Art associated with the construction of City Hall, directing \$180,000 to become available for other public art projects.

Financial Impact: \$80,000 from 1% for Art funds for City Hall would remain for public art at City Hall and \$100,000 would be transferred to the Municipal Art Fund.