



## City Council

### Approval of Call for Artist in Residence

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#### Title

Approval of Call for Artist in Residence

#### Recommended Action

##### Committee Recommendation:

The Community Livability and Public Safety Committee recommend moving to approve the Call for Artist in Residence and direct staff to begin the application process.

##### City Manager Recommendation:

Move to approve the Call for Artist in Residence and direct staff to begin the application process.

#### Report

##### Issue:

Whether to approve the Call for Artist in Residence and begin the application process for a teaching artist experienced in percussion and movement for a residency in partnership with Drexel House.

##### Staff Contact:

Stephanie Johnson, Arts Program Manager, Parks, Arts and Recreation, 360.709.2678

##### Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar Item

#### Background and Analysis:

The Arts Commission has been working on an Artist in Residence pilot project as part of their Work Plan. In September 2021, they presented the concept of working with underserved community members to the then General Government Committee. With approval to move forward, to determine interest staff and Commissioners placed surveys at Pear Blossom, Plum Street Village, Unity Commons (Interfaith Works), Community Youth Services and Drexel House.

Drexel House was by far the most responsive, with 29 surveys returned with a strong interest in music and dance. Commissioners determined to move forward with Drexel House as a pilot project. Arts Commission Vice Chair Kathy Dorgan and Arts Program Manager Stephanie Johnson met with several of Drexel House staff members to help shape the Call for Artist in Residence.

On July 14, the Arts Commission reviewed the proposed Call for Artist in Residence and moved to

recommend it to the Community Livability and Public Safety Committee for consideration.

On July 27, Vice Chair Dorgan and Ms. Johnson met with the Community Livability and Public Safety Committee to review the Call for Artist in Residence. Committee members made several edits to the document (updated version attached), and directed the item be moved to City Council for consideration and approval.

**Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):**

The arts are of interest to the Drexel House community, and this program will serve as a connection between the arts and underserved community members.

**Options:**

1. Approve the Call for Artist in Residence and direct staff to begin the application process.
2. Make modifications to the Call for Artist in Residence, approve as amended and direct staff to begin the application process.
3. Direct the Arts Commission to make modifications to the Call for Artist in Residence and return to Community Livability and Public Safety for consideration. This will affect the timeline of the project.

**Financial Impact:**

\$2,250 from the Municipal Art Fund.

**Attachments:**

Call for Artist in Residence