



COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 5.2

DATE: April 28, 2026
TO: Chairperson and Members of the Commission for the Arts
FROM: Allen McFarland, Management Analyst II
SUBJECT: Appointment of an ad hoc committee to review and provide feedback and recommendations on developer-initiated art proposals.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts appoint an ad hoc committee to review and provide feedback and recommendations on developer-initiated art proposals.

DECISION TYPE

Administrative

SUMMARY

The Commission is being asked to review and consider developer-initiated art proposals and provide feedback and recommendations. An ad hoc committee should be established to complete the initial review of submitted proposals and communicate with developers on their feedback and suggestions as necessary.

DISCUSSION

As established in Livermore Municipal Code (LMC) Section 12.51.030A, "Private developments shall devote an amount not less than the program allocation amount for acquisition and installation of public art in the development project, such amount to be determined by the building official. The public art shall be installed on the development site in a location that allows the public art to be visible from a public right-of-way or from other public property." LMC Section 12.51.030A also explains the option to pay an "In Lieu" fee as an alternative to meeting this obligation.

When a developer submits a proposal for art to meet this requirement, it is the responsibility of the Commission for the Arts to consider the proposal and provide feedback and recommendations to the City. Given this responsibility, the Commission for the Arts should appoint an ad hoc committee, lasting not longer than one year in duration, to consider these proposals as they are submitted, offer feedback, and prepare recommendations.

Commissioners should consider the timing of this work when volunteering to serve on the ad hoc committee; the City has received a preliminary proposal from a developer, Shea Properties, and it will need review in the coming weeks, prior to the Commission's May meeting. It is anticipated that additional proposals will be received during the year that the ad hoc committee will be active.

ATTACHMENTS

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