



COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 5.7

DATE: February 24, 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 submissions for the Livermorium Plaza Utility Boxes Mural Project.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts appoint an ad hoc committee to review submissions for the Livermorium Plaza Utility Boxes Mural Project and provide a recommendation on the top options to the full Commission.

DECISION TYPE

Not Applicable

SUMMARY

At the Commission for the Arts meeting of September 24, 2024, staff advised the Commission that the City is planning to install a mural on the utility boxes located within Livermorium Plaza. Staff also noted that the mural should have a wine country theme on the side facing Locanda Wine Bar, and a science theme facing the fountain. A request for proposals (RFP) was solicited through the Cafe Arts platform from February 21, 2025, through March 7, 2025. After final review of all submissions, none moved forward into an agreement to complete the project. The City has elected to revise the project scope and re-solicit for proposals.

DISCUSSION

There are a total of four utility boxes within Livermorium Plaza (as shown in the attachment) that will have artwork applied to them. The City may select one artist for the full project or multiple artists for individual boxes - these specific details will be listed within the RFP framework. To assist and guide their work, the ad hoc committee and full Commission will be provided with the same information that is available to artists through the RFP.

The ad hoc committee that was previously appointed to support this project expired on June 30, 2025. It is anticipated that the new ad hoc committee would run from the date of establishment through June 30,

2026. The Commission for the Arts should make note of the following tentative dates when considering appointments to the ad hoc committee:

- March 4, 2026 - Launch of RFP window
- March 27, 2026 - Close of RFP window
- April 1, 2026 - Submissions shared with ad hoc committee for review
- April 9, 2026 - Ad hoc committee to meet with City staff to discuss submissions and make collective recommendation of top three options
- April 28, 2026 - Full Commission for the Arts receives recommendation from ad hoc committee and makes recommendation of top three options to the City
- June 1, 2026 - Mural work to begin

ATTACHMENTS

1. Livermorium Plaza Utility Boxes

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