



COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 5.8

DATE: July 22, 2025
TO: Chairperson and Members of the Commission for the Arts
FROM: Allen McFarland, Management Analyst II
SUBJECT: Ad Hoc Committee and Staff Reports on the Bothwell Arts Center

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts receive the reports from the ad hoc committee and staff.

SUMMARY

An ad hoc committee was established at the June meeting to discuss potential arts options when the Bothwell Arts Center is no longer available. The ad hoc committee has held their first meeting and wishes to share their initial findings through a report to the full Commission. Staff will also present a brief oral report.

DISCUSSION

During the June 24, 2025, Commission for the Arts meeting, the Commission determined that they wanted to further discuss the Bothwell Arts Center - specifically ideas related to options, locations, and resources for when the Bothwell is no longer available. An ad hoc committee was established at this same meeting to discuss and review this issue, and to later report back to the full Commission with their findings and ideas. The ad hoc committee has held their first meeting and provided the attached documents for review; the ad hoc committee will also provide an oral report at this month's meeting. Staff has done their initial internal review and will provide a brief oral report as well.

ATTACHMENTS

- [1. Ad Hoc Committee Notes and Ideas for the Bothwell Arts Center](#)
- [2. Images of the Bothwell Arts Center and Examples of Container Buildings](#)

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