

Memorandum

TO: City Council Workshop
FROM: Brad Martens , City Manager
DATE: June 16, 2025
SUBJECT: Public art at Shoreview Commons
ITEM NUMBER: 1.b
SECTION: GENERAL BUSINESS

REQUESTED MOTION

INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this discussion is to understand the desire to work towards adding public art to the Shoreview Commons campus.

DISCUSSION

In 2024, staff toured the Cafesjian Art Trust building with their leadership and became aware of large art pieces in storage. It was determined that there was potential for art pieces to be displayed at the Shoreview Commons campus with proper planning and minor facility improvements such as concrete pads for installation. Due to a variety of other priorities, the project has not yet moved forward beyond those initial discussions.

The potential for a public art partnership continues to be a possibility, however, it would take some time and effort from staff to agree on the arrangements as well as a financial contribution for improvements necessary for installation to take place. This would be in addition to the other strategic priorities adopted by the city. It is requested the city council discuss this potential partnership and provide direction on its importance related to other priorities.

The idea of adding public art around the community was raised as part of the strategic priority ranking process. It averaged a 2.8 out of five from the city council.

RECOMMENDATION

ATTACHMENTS

[Draft 2025-2027 strategic priorities.pdf](#)