



Agenda Item Details

Meeting	Feb 16, 2022 - City Commission Meeting
Category	9. CONSENT
Subject	9.02 Renewal of City Commission Policy 160 – Art Donation and Acceptance -- John Powell, Environmental Services and Facilities
Access	Public
Type	Action (Consent)
Fiscal Impact	No
Budgeted	No
Recommended Action	Option 1: Renew City Commission Policy 160, Art Donation and Acceptance, without amendment

Public Content

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Statement of Issue

The City of Tallahassee has a demonstrated record of appreciation for and promotion of art and culture. The City's Strategic Plan lays out the vision for Tallahassee to be a creative capital city. With the assistance of the Council on Culture & Arts (COCA), the City has accumulated and proudly displays an impressive collection of notable artworks by local, regional, and international artists. These works may be seen at various locations throughout Tallahassee, both outdoors and inside City buildings. The City also preserves two public gallery spaces, located at City Hall and the Tallahassee Regional Airport, that feature rotating exhibitions. In furtherance of this desire to showcase local art and artists, the City and COCA developed a policy to establish procedures and guidelines for accepting and maintaining artworks under the permanent and temporary stewardship of the City. This policy was first adopted by the City Commission on May 27, 2015, and now requires review and renewal. Staff recommends renewal of Policy 160 by the City Commission, without amendment.

Recommended Action

Option 1: Renew City Commission Policy 160, Art Donation and Acceptance, without amendment.

Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact.

Supplemental Material/Issue Analysis

History/Facts & Issues

The City of Tallahassee has a demonstrated record of appreciation for and promotion of art and culture. In an effort to promote, encourage, and share art with the community, the Art in Public Places Program was created. Over the years, the City has accumulated and proudly displays an impressive collection of notable artworks by local, regional, and international artists. These works may be seen at various locations throughout Tallahassee, both outdoors and inside City buildings. The City also preserves two public gallery spaces, located at City Hall and the Tallahassee Regional Airport, that feature rotating exhibitions.

The Council on Culture & Arts (COCA) is a non-profit organization that serves as the facilitator and voice for the arts and cultural industry in Florida's capital area. Since 1994, the City has contracted with COCA, the area's designated arts agency, to manage and implement all aspects of the Art in Public Places program. This partnership has proven to be highly successful and, to date, citizens have enjoyed the artwork of more than 6,000 local artists.

While the City actively supports the arts, the acquisition of artwork is not the City's primary function and staff is not trained in the conservation of artworks. In addition, the City operates with limited funding and storage space and therefore must be very selective in accepting donations. The City generally will not accept the donation of art with restrictions or conditions, that requires costly ongoing maintenance, or that is deemed unsafe. As the owner of the donated art, the City must reserve the right to keep, display, loan, donate, return or discard the donated artwork at its discretion. In recognition of these limitations, and in furtherance of this desire to showcase local art and artists, the City and COCA have developed a policy to establish procedures and guidelines for accepting and maintaining artworks under the permanent and temporary stewardship of the City.

City Commission Policy 160, Art Donation and Acceptance, was first adopted on May 27, 2015, and requires sunset review and renewal. Staff recommends renewal of Policy 160 by the City Commission, without amendment.

Department(s) Review

Environmental Services and Facilities

Options

1. Renew City Commission Policy 160, Art Donation and Acceptance, without amendment.

Pros: Renews the previously established procedures and guidelines for accepting and maintaining artworks under the permanent and temporary stewardship of the City.

Cons: None.

2. Do not renew City Commission Policy 160, Art Donation and Acceptance

Pros: Allows a new or different approach to evaluating and accepting donated art to be developed, if any.

Cons: Requires the development of a new process for evaluating the acceptance of donated art.

Attachments/References

1. City Commission Policy 160, Art Donation and Acceptance

[160.pdf \(344 KB\)](#)