



### **Agenda Item Details**

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Meeting	May 27, 2015 - City Commission Meeting & Summary
Category	9. CONSENT
Subject	9.06 Approval of Art Donation and Acceptance Policy -- Cynthia Barber, Environmental Policy & Energy Resources
Access	Public
Type	Action (Consent)
Fiscal Impact	No
Budgeted	No
Budget Source	No
Recommended Action	Option 1. Approve the Art Donation and Acceptance Policy.

### **Public Content**

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#### ***Statement Of Issue***

The City of Tallahassee is a local government with a demonstrated respect for, and appreciation of, the importance 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 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 of Tallahassee has contracted with COCA, the area's designated arts agency, to manage and implement 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.

In furtherance of this desire to showcase local art and artists, the City and COCA have developed this Policy to establish procedures and guidelines for accepting and maintaining artworks under the permanent and temporary stewardship of the City. This agenda item requests approval of the Art Donation and Acceptance Policy.

#### ***Recommended Action***

Option 1. Approve the Art Donation and Acceptance Policy.

#### ***Fiscal Impact***

None.

#### **Supplemental Material/Issue Analysis**

#### **History/Facts And Issues**

The City of Tallahassee (City) is a local government with a demonstrated respect for, and appreciation of, the importance 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 of Tallahassee 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.

In furtherance of this desire to showcase local art and artists, the City and COCA have developed this Policy (attached) to establish procedures and guidelines for accepting and maintaining artworks under the permanent and temporary stewardship of the City.

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. Notwithstanding the terms and conditions of any agreement entered into between the City and the artwork donor, 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.

The Policy was approved by the Quality of Life Target Issue Committee on March 25, 2015, with direction to bring the item before the City Commission for review and approval. The Policy has been reviewed by the City Attorney's Office.

### ***Options***

1. Approve the Art Donation and Acceptance Policy

Pros: Approval of the Policy will establish procedures and guidelines for accepting and maintaining artworks under the permanent and temporary stewardship of the City.

Cons: None.

2. Do not approve the Art Donation and Acceptance Policy.

Pros: Staff will be able to accept donated art at their discretion.

Cons: The acquisition of artwork is not the City's primary function, staff is not trained in the conservation of artworks, and the City operates with limited funding and storage space. A Policy would ensure the consideration of various criteria and help set limits on what donated art may be accepted.

### ***Attachments/References***

Art Donation and Acceptance Policy

[Art Donation and Acceptance Policy.pdf \(1,428 KB\)](#)