



MEMORANDUM

Council Agenda
Item No. IX.J.
12/22/2015

The City of OKLAHOMA CITY

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: James D. Couch, City Manager

Resolution approving the Art Master Plan, AMP UP OKC, to provide procedural guidance and policy recommendations for reviewing and commissioning public art in the City.

Background

In June 2013, the National Endowment for the Arts awarded an Our Town grant to the Cultural Development Corporation in Oklahoma City to create a public art master plan that would implement and leverage the City's One Percent for Art ordinance. The ordinance, passed in 2009, requires that one percent of the construction budget for any new building, park, or major renovation be allocated for public art.

The Oklahoma City Planning Department's Office of Arts and Cultural Affairs partnered with the Cultural Development Corporation of Central Oklahoma to create a public process for developing the plan. Arts Commissioners Elizabeth Eickman and Jim Hasenbeck co-chaired the initiative, which involved forming a task force and hiring a national public art planning consultant to draft the plan.

The resulting plan, AMP UP OKC, provides procedural guidance and policy recommendations for reviewing and commissioning public art in Oklahoma City. The plan outlines 13 objectives that center on the creation, presentation, and promotion of art that inspires and communicates the City's commitment to the social, economic, and cultural well-being of Oklahoma City and its residents. The plan recommends actions such as updating ordinances, developing internal policy and procedures, and pursuing activities to foster and engage artists and residents.

On May 18, 2015, the Oklahoma City Arts Commission recommended adoption of the AMP UP OKC plan in principle, subject to finalization.

On September 21, 2015, the Arts Commission ratified the final version of the plan.

On November 12, 2015, AMP UP OKC was presented and discussed at a Study Session of the Planning Commission, and was introduced and set for final hearing by the Planning Commission.

On December 10, 2015, AMP UP OKC was adopted for implementation by the Planning Commission.

The plan is available online at www.okc.gov/arts.

Review

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Recommendation:

Resolution be adopted.

Attachments