



City of Apache Junction

Development Services Department



DATE: August 13, 2019

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Bryant Powell, City Manager
Joel Stern, City Attorney
Larry Kirch, Development Services Director

FROM: Heather Patel, Program and Resource Manager

SUBJECT: Presentation and Discussion on Public Art Ordinances

BACKGROUND

On October 15, 2018, the city council received a presentation from Dianne Cripe with Artspace 6 LLC Art Advisory Services. Mrs. Cripe is a public art consultant and her presentation included the definition of public art, public art goals in a community, what a program may look like, and the process of selecting a public artist. Based upon the interest of the council, on December 3, 2018, staff shared with the city council information about public art; how the city may move forward with public art; what other communities are doing; establishing an authority e.g. public art commission, a council sub-committee, or a city manager appointed group; and the next steps. On December 4, 2018 direction was given to staff to establish a Public Art Commission.

On June 3rd and 4th, 2019 Development Services staff presented information to the Mayor and City Council on public art and creating a series of ordinances for the establishment of a public art commission, setting fees for public art and amending the zoning code to include art in the development review process. On June 4th, the Mayor and Council provided direction to staff to begin drafting the various ordinances.

The following City Code changes will ultimately be considered by the Mayor and council:

1. Vol. I, Chapter 2, Mayor, Council, and Appointed Boards and Commissions: Ordinance creating a Public Art Commission.
2. Vol. I, Chapter 4, Fees: Ordinance establishing fees/funding mechanism.
3. Vol. II, Chapter 1: Zoning Code: Require art in private development and public capital improvement projects.

The proposed schedule for final public art implementation:

August 2019	P&Z Commission review, consideration, and public hearing.
September 3, 2019	Council review and consideration.
September 17, 2019	Public Hearing.
November 2019	Commission seated by council.
January 2020	Public art fees begin.