



## Staff Report

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**TO:** Mayor and City Council  
**THROUGH:** Steve Powers, City Manager  
**FROM:** Peter Fernandez, PE, Public Works Director

### **SUBJECT:**

Salem Public Art Commission Annual Report

Ward(s): All Wards  
Councilor(s): All Councilors  
Neighborhood(s): All Neighborhoods  
Result Area(s): Welcoming and Livable Community.

### **ISSUE:**

Informational report to update the City Council on the work of the Salem Public Art Commission.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Information only.

### **SUMMARY:**

The Salem Public Art Commission (SPAC) was established under the authority of *Salem Revised Code* (SRC) Chapter 15 (Public Art). SRC 15.030(d) states that the Salem Public Art Commission “will report annually to the City Council on the disbursements of funds from the Public Art Trust Fund.” The Salem Public Art Commission’s Policy and Guidelines Manual, Section 4 states “City staff will prepare an Annual Report describing the activities of the Commission for the preceding fiscal year, including revenue received and expenditures made for each work of art. This report shall be approved by the Commission, and staff will file the Annual Report with City Council on or before January 1 of each year.”

### **FACTS AND FINDINGS:**

The information in the attached report highlights the 2019 accomplishments of the Salem Public Art Commission (SPAC) and status of the Public Art Trust Fund. In addition, the report provides a brief summary of key issues this group intends to work through in the coming year.

## **BACKGROUND:**

SRC Chapter 15 was drafted with the following purpose: “The Council recognizes that visual arts contribute to and provide experience that enrich and better the social and physical environment of the community, and desires to foster an advancement of the visual arts within the City. It is the purpose of this chapter, and the policy of the City to dedicate one-half of one percent of the total eligible costs of all improvement projects to the selection, acquisition, fabrication, installation, maintenance, management, deaccessioning, community education, documentation and registration of public art” (SRC 15.001).

The Public Art Commission was created pursuant to SRC 15 and is responsible for managing (i.e., maintaining, acquiring, deaccessioning, etc.) all of the “art within the City’s Public Art Collection with funds from the Public Art Trust Fund” (SRC 15.020(d)).

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### **Attachment:**

1. Salem Public Art Commission 2019 Annual Report
2. Powerpoint Presentation