

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor, City Council and City Council Public Art Task Force

FROM: Ann Arbor Public Art Commission

DATE: April 24, 2013

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDED INCLUSION OF A STUDENT MEMBER OF THE ANN ARBOR PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

The Ann Arbor Public Art Commission recommend adding a requirement of student representation to the Commission. The recommendation is to modify the City Code to require at least one appointed Commissioner be a student representative. A student representative would be an individual who attends an Ann Arbor university or high school. The Commission approved this recommendation at their March 27, 2013 meeting.

To facilitate a student appointment, arts and education organizations shall be asked to endorse an individual to be nominated for appointment to the Commission. The Commission recommends increasing the number of Commissioners, from nine to eleven, to accommodate multiple student representative endorsements from multiple arts and education organizations, such as, the Ann Arbor Board of Education, the Dean of the UM School of Art and Design, and the Director of Arts at Michigan. The student appointment is recommended to be a one-year term and will differ from the 3-year terms served by the other members of the Commission. They will have full voting rights.

When the precursor to the current Commission, the Ann Arbor Commission on Arts in Public Places, was established in 1998, the membership included a representational requirement for a majority of its members.

The appointment of a student will engage youth in civic service. The Commission will involve a younger generation in broader aspects of the City's public art program and will benefit by encouraging a younger demographic to participate in public art related activities and appreciation.

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