



## City of Sebastopol Planning Department

Date: July 23, 2026  
To: Public Arts Committee  
Agenda Item: 6A  
From: Tori Henkel, Permit Technician  
Subject: Community Sculpture Garden Artist Call and Subcommittee Creation and Appointment

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### **Background:**

The Public Arts Committee conducted an artist call for the Community Sculpture Garden located in Ives Park for ten (10) of the twelve (12) sculpture paddocks, as their two-year lease term had expired. The call ended March 23, 2026; two (2) sculptures were selected to stay, and eight (8) new sculptures were selected by the PAC to be displayed for a two-year term. Five (5) new sculptures were installed on June 23, 2026, and a couple of selected artists could not bring their selected piece due to distance or availability. There are currently five (5) empty pads. Three (3) of them have pieces coming soon; date(s) still to be determined. The remaining two (2) empty pads need to be filled. The Public Arts Committee is responsible for the following:

1. Identify how the PAC would like to select new pieces. Either by reaching out to specific artists, artist groups, or with a new artist call. If a new artist call is preferred, staff would need the following:
  - a. Create a Subcommittee of no more than two (2) members to assist with the following:
    - i. Create a call for artists. The call must include:
      1. Evaluation/Selection criteria
      2. Type of art requirements (mural, sculpture, etc.)
      3. Submission deadline
      4. Submission requirements
      5. Artist eligibility
      6. Selection process
      7. Project timeline
      8. Financial information
    - ii. How will the call go out?
      1. Use CaFÉ again?
      2. Other options?

iii. How does the PAC want to jury the call?

**Options:**

1. The PAC will create a subcommittee of no more than two (2) members to reach out to local artists/groups to find specific available pieces to lease/commission.
2. The PAC will create a subcommittee of no more than two (2) members to create a new artist call for the remaining two (2) empty pads.

The subcommittee will work on these items and bring them back to the full PAC for discussion and decision at the next meeting on September 24, 2026. Staff will need all items for review before the meeting no later than September 10, 2026.