



City of Sebastopol Planning Department

Date: September 24, 2026
To: Public Arts Committee
Agenda Item: 6D
From: Tori Henkel, Permit Technician
Subject: Community Sculpture Garden Discussion

Background:

Options for Two Remaining Empty Paddocks

The Public Arts Committee (PAC) 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 three (3) empty pads. One (1) of them has a Diego Harris piece coming soon; date to be determined. The remaining two (2) empty pads need to be filled.

At the regular July 23, 2026, Public Arts Committee meeting, the Committee decided to hold off on an artist call, revisit the last artist call applications, reach out to artists/contacts about possible interest, bring back ideas, and make a decision to either hold another call or use Committee contacts.

Discussion:

The Public Arts Committee is responsible for the following:

1. Identify how the PAC would like to select two (2) 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. Staff will need all items for review at least two weeks before the meeting.

Other Items for Discussion:

Sculpture Signage

Staff has received multiple inquiries from the new sculpture artists regarding the sculpture signage. Staff has been working with a sign company, and new signage with each artist's name and the name of the piece is already underway. However, a few of the artists have inquired whether it is possible to inform passing viewers that the sculptures are available for purchase.

Staff is asking for direction from the Public Arts Committee on whether this is something they are interested in pursuing.

Attachments:

Public Arts Committee CSG Submission Jurying Summary April 2026