



City of Sebastopol Planning Department

Date: September 24, 2026
To: Public Arts Committee
Agenda Item: 6G
From: Tori Henkel, Permit Technician
Subject: Public Art Funding Discussion

Background:

At the July 23, 2026, Public Arts Committee (PAC) meeting, Chair Waters nominated himself and Committee member Letaw to be on a subcommittee of two (2) members in order to research fundraising options, donation options, and possible grants for public art projects.

Discussion:

The Subcommittee is requesting the full PAC to discuss the following:

1. What are the legal pathways for someone to donate money for a public art project?
2. Would the PAC like to send a formal inquiry to the City Attorney to see if it's possible to donate to the public art fund?
3. Can the PAC or someone establish an organization to receive funds on behalf of the city? Would it need to be a 5013c?
4. Discuss a recommendation to the City Council for an ordinance to raise funds from commercial residential developments in addition to purely commercial developments.