City of Sebastopol
Planning Department

Date: November 19, 2026
To: Public Arts Committee
Agenda Item: 6D
From: Tori Henkel, Permit Technician
Subject: Manhole Covers Discussion

Background:
At the regular September 24, 2026, Public Arts Committee (PAC) meeting, during a discussion on agenda items for future agendas, Committee Member Brent expressed interest in agendizing art on manhole covers.

This item today is intended for Committee Member Brent to share his ideas and bring the item forward to the full Committee for discussion and direction to staff on next steps if there is a consensus.

Discussion:
1. Locations of manhole covers
2. What are the fiscal impacts?
3. How would the Committee like to proceed with manhole cover beautification?
    a. An open artist call?
    b. Other options?

Links to Examples:

https://web-japan.org/trends/11_fashion/fas202011_manhole-design.html

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CMkmPkIu8Xo