



Memorandum

To: Art Review Board
From: Niall Connolly, Principal Planner
Date: May 1st, 2025
Re: Call for Public Art (Sculpture)

Introduction

Town Councilor Jack Burns has proposed that the Art Review Board consider initiating a “Call for Public Art” project. The Town would invite local artists to submit proposals for artwork (most likely a sculpture, and possibly including other types of art). The sculpture would be installed in a public place in Springdale, such as the grounds of the Town Hall / Community Center or George A Barker River Park.

Springdale’s General Plan seeks to promote the Town’s reputation as an arts community. It lists commissioning public art as one potential way of doing this:

The Town Council will establish a line item budget for the elevation of art in our community, specifically the commissioning of large public art pieces in our town common areas and along walkways. (Chapter 6.0 Parks, Recreation and the Arts, Sub-Goal B.5)

The Town has commissioned public art in the past, including the Electric Box wraps (the “Art is Electric” project) and the “Heart of Zion” sculpture (currently displayed on the Hoodoos Market property). Those projects were funded through RAP Tax (Recreation, Arts and Parks Tax).

The Art Review Board should discuss this potential project and decide if this is something that you would like to pursue. Points to discuss could include:

- Where would the public art be located?
- What would be the theme of the art?
- Potential budget and funding sources.

It is recommended that the details could be discussed at a future Art Review Board meeting.