

City Council Announcements

February 7, 2023

For your Information:

A. Notification of removal of Artworks from the City's Public Art Collection

The Mayor approved the recommendation from the Salt Lake Art Design Board to remove the following artworks from the City's public art collection:

- a. Bench sculpture of *Untitled at Bend in the River* by Paul Heath, Linda Nowlin, Louise Fischman, and Wayne Geary located in Modesto Park at Jordan River Parkway, 1550 S 1110 W;
- b. Three concrete furniture sculptures, *Sugar House Benches*, by Eric Thelander located in front of Fairmont Aquatic Center, Sprague Library, and 2005 South 1100 East

The recommendations are based on multiple factors, including a lack of structural integrity, repeated and ongoing issues with vandalism, unreasonable costs for repair and maintenance, and safety concerns.

An informational transmittal was received in the Council Office on January 18 satisfying the 45-day advance notice requirement in City Code before an artwork in the City's collection may be removed.

B. Feedback Requested on Neighborhood Parks Projects in the \$85 Million Parks, Trails and Open Space Bond

Council Member feedback is welcome as the Administration is preparing a transmittal on next steps for the bond, especially as it relates to using the \$10.5 million for improvements to neighborhood parks with at least one in each Council District. Would the Council prefer to hold a discussion in a future Work Session, or Small group meetings with the Administration to discuss options for how to select locations / projects for these Neighborhood Parks. Once a process and project list is prepared, the Council would need to hold a public hearing and approve the use of bond funds in a budget opening for the City to spend the funds.

- You can reach out to Ben Luedtke or your Liaison with any feedback.

C. Priorities for the Internal Budget Review Committee

The Administration has invited the Council to submit priorities for their internal Budget review committee as they build and consider the Mayor's Recommended Budget for FY 24. This is a unique opportunity for the legislative branch to provide early input on the Administration's budget (typically a fully Administrative process). The Chair and Vice Chair have discussed this with staff, edited priorities from last year, and pulled from themes from the Council's retreat in January. **The list is as follows: Equity, Stabilizing and Optimizing Response models, Homelessness, Maintenance of Public Spaces, Transit and Transportation, Land Use & Development, Affordable Housing, Business Support/Economic Development, emphasize stability of current programs instead of creating new ones.** This list would be incorporated into the Administration's budget review matrix that is used to evaluate and score individual department budget recommendations. The Budget committee is meeting this Thursday so the Council has a quick turnaround to provide this input.

- Please let staff or the Chair Vice Chair know if you have any concerns or questions with this list.

Information Needed:

D. Council Representative to the Utah League of Cities and Town Legislative Policy Committee

Currently Council Members Fowler and Dugan are two of the city's three voting members of ULCT LPC. (Rachel Otto is the other vote) Council Member Fowler would like to resign her position and recommends giving it to one of the members of the Council Legislative Subcommittee (Currently Council Members Petro, Puy and Dugan).

- *Are any other Council Member interested in serving on the LPC?*

E. City's Grant Applications & Process

Council Members raised some questions about the current grant applications, criteria for evaluation, and process on the Council agenda. In order to gather direction, the Chair and Vice Chair would like to convene a "Subcommittee" that could meet in a small group meeting with staff. The Subcommittee will review the options for any new criteria or processing (i.e. adding a Work Session briefing for some grant applications) and then bring back a proposal for the full Council to review.

- *Which Council Members are interested in participating?*