



City of Columbus Mayor's Public Art Committee

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus believes that public art is important to the social, cultural and economic health and vitality of Columbus;

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus has a long history of obtaining, creating and installing public art in many locations, which reflects many different interests and art forms; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor of Columbus wishes to create and establish a Public Art Committee which will encourage the creation, installation, proper insurance coverage and maintenance of public art in Columbus, through both public and private initiatives;

WHEREAS, a collaborative policy for administering the public art process, including procedures for the review, selection and acceptance of public art works by qualified members of the community, and the recommendation of such works to the appropriate funding organizations and the Mayor will foster quality public art installations in Columbus;

THEREFORE, effective August 1, 2018 the Mayor's Public Art Committee (hereafter referred to as Committee) is created and the following charter lays out definitions and processes to implement and manage the Committee.

1. DEFINITIONS.

A. "Public Art" is hereby defined as:

- i. single edition, original visual art including, but not limited to, sculptures, murals, photographic renderings, and mosaics, installed on a permanent basis in spaces which are visible from public streets and pedestrian walkways, free of any admission fee; and
- ii. single edition, original visual art **installed on a temporary basis**, for a period of not less than three months, nor more than twelve months, in public spaces designated as public art exhibition areas for temporary installations, free of any admission fee.

B. "Approved Locations": in addition to proposed Public Art, specific locations for proposed public art, shall be recommended by the Committee as part of its recommendations of specific public art works to the Mayor;

2. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND ADMINISTRATION:

A. The Mayor shall appoint a Committee which shall consist of nine voting members and two non-voting members, including the following:

1. 2 Community members – two-year Mayoral appointment;
2. Community Member Local Artist – two-year Mayoral appointment;
3. City Council Representative – annual appointment by Council;
4. Representative from Landmark Columbus;
5. Representative from the Bartholomew County School Corporation;
6. Representative from Post-Secondary Institution;
7. Columbus City Parks Designee
8. Columbus Area Visitor’s Center Designee;
9. Columbus Indiana Architectural Archives Designee;
10. Director of Columbus Area Arts Council – Non-voting;
11. City of Columbus Administration Designee – Non-voting;

Members of the Committee shall be knowledgeable and interested in the arts (including architecture and landscape architecture) and otherwise qualified to review, consider and make recommendations to the Mayor regarding proposed public art works. The Mayor will appoint the Chair of the Committee.

B. In the event a member of the Committee shall desire to recommend a public art work created by such member, then, prior to such submission, such member shall, by written statement to the Committee, recuse themselves from the discussion and decision-making process.

C. The Columbus Area Arts Council will provide administrative support for the Committee.

3. COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES:

i. The Committee shall have the following responsibilities, in addition to other responsibilities designated, from time to time, by the Mayor:

ii. To review and consider all public art works proposed by any individuals or entities which are to be located in public spaces, in Columbus, taking into consideration:

- (a) the qualifications and reputation of the submitting artist;
- (b) the proposed location for the proposed art (if any), including placement in public right-of-way;

- (c) the visual aspects and artistic quality of the proposed art;
- (d) the proposed method of payment for the proposed art;
- (e) the identity of the donor and conditions of the donation of the proposed art if it is to be donated;
- (f) the maintenance and upkeep cost of the proposed art;
- (g) the proposed ownership of the proposed art;
- (h) any educational or historical aspects of the proposed art;
- (i) any structural integrity or any special risk or safety issues;
- (j) insurance requirements for the proposed art; and
- (k) all other considerations deemed relevant to the Committee.

iii. To solicit, encourage and receive public input on proposed public art works;

iv. To work with the Columbus Area Arts Council to ensure that public art owned by the City is appropriately inventoried, insured, maintained, documented and identified with labeling of art piece name and artist;

v. To work with various property owners such as the City of Columbus departments, Bartholomew County, Bartholomew County School Corporation and other organizations potentially affected by the public art proposal to get feedback on the proposal – prior to any recommendations;

vi. To make detailed recommendations to the Mayor and other affected City Departments or affected organizations with respect to any public art proposal approved by the Committee;

vii. To make recommendations to the Mayor on changes to this charter document which would clarify responsibilities or improve the efficacy of this Committee.

viii. To set up any sub-committees deemed necessary to support the work of the Committee.

4. MEETINGS: The Committee will meet as needed but at least twice a year. Meetings will be called by the Chair or Director of Columbus Area Arts Council.

Membership:

1. 2 Community members – two-year Mayoral appointment; Jennifer Riley, Mary Harmon
2. Community Member Local Artist – two-year Mayoral appointment; Sam Burnett (local potter)
3. City Council Representative – annual appointment by Council; Council member Grace Kestler
4. Representative from Landmark Columbus; Richard McCoy
5. Representative from the Bartholomew County School Corporation; Open Seat
6. Representative from Post-Secondary Institution; Daniel Martinez
7. Columbus City Parks Designee – Mark Jones
8. Columbus Area Visitor’s Center Designee; Karen Niverson
9. Director of Columbus Area Arts Council – Non-voting; Kathryn Armstrong
10. City of Columbus Administration Designee – Non-voting; Mary Ferdon