



**CITY COUNCIL  
COMMUNICATION:**

**ITEM \_\_\_\_\_**

**OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER  
CITY OF DES MOINES, IOWA**

**00-252**

**SYNOPSIS -**

**AGENDA:**

JUNE 5, 2000

The proposed Public Art Program is intended to provide the City with a consistent but flexible process to govern both public and private art projects in Des Moines. This includes, but is not limited to, planning for art; the selection of art; identifying locations for art; acquiring, installing, and maintaining art; and educating the public about art.

**SUBJECT:**

PROPOSED PUBLIC  
ART PROGRAM FOR  
THE CITY OF DES  
MOINES

**FISCAL IMPACT -**

To be determined with the establishment of a Public Arts Commission and public art ordinances.

**TYPE:**

RESOLUTION  
ORDINANCE  
RECEIVE/FILE

**RECOMMENDATION -**

**Receive, file, and refer to the City Manager for further recommendation.**

**SUBMITTED BY:**

JAMES GRANT  
COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT  
DIRECTOR

**BACKGROUND -**

On March 15, 1999, the City Council authorized the Mayor to establish a Des Moines Public Art/Design Task Force. Since then, the Task Force has been working toward developing a Public Art Program for the City. This has involved research on Public Arts Programs in other cities, and interviews with individuals associated with the programs. The Task Force also worked with Design Iowa, an initiative of the Iowa Arts Council, and their advisors, Bruce Williams, Coordinator of Artists and Public Art Programs for the Iowa Arts Council, and Jack Becker, Project Manager for Forecast Public Artworks in St. Paul, Minnesota.

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