

**CITY COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION:**

03-191

AGENDA:

APRIL 21, 2003

SUBJECT:

VENUES AND
ARTISTS FOR THE
STOREFRONT ART
PROJECT

TYPE:

RESOLUTION
ORDINANCE
RECEIVE/FILE

SUBMITTED BY:

ERIC A. ANDERSON
CITY MANAGER

ITEM _____

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

SYNOPSIS —

The Public Art Commission is asking the Council to approve the storefront venues, artists, artwork and artist's compensation for the Storefront Art Project, and to approve an amended schedule for the Project.

FISCAL IMPACT—

The sum of \$50,000 was previously committed to the Storefront Art Project by the Agreement with the Downtown Community Alliance, Inc., approved on November 4, 2002, by Roll Call No. 02-2615.

RECOMMENDATION —

Approval.

BACKGROUND —

On November 4, 2002, by Roll Call No. 02-2615, the City Council approved an agreement with the Downtown Community Alliance, Inc. to administer a Storefront Art Project. On October 21, 2002, the City Council appointed an advisory panel to assist in the Storefront Art Project.

The Alliance has identified ten storefront venues appropriate for the display of art, and has further recommended an artist and artwork appropriate for each venue. The Alliance has further recommended that the artists receive \$5,000 for their time and materials for each venue. The advisory panel for the Storefront Art Project recommends approval of the venues, artists, artwork and compensation. A listing of the venues, artists and a description of the artwork is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

The Agreement between the City and the Alliance provided that the artwork was to be on public display from March 17th through September 1, 2003. The Alliance and the advisory panel recommend that the schedule be amended to provide for the public display of the artwork for a three-month period starting in early June and ending in August. The panel, and to some extent the building owners, believed that a five-month period was too long for exhibition purposes and might interfere with business and/or future building usage plans. It was determined that a three-month period would better serve the "temporary" nature of the project and be less disruptive to the building owners.

