Council Meeting Date: February 13, 2017 Agenda Item: 9(a)

# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Discussion of Resolution No.404 approving a Public Art Plan for 2017 - 2022			
DEPARTMENT:	Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services			
PRESENTED BY:	Eric Friedli, PRCS Director			
	David Francis, Public Art Coordinator			
ACTION:	Ordinance Resolution Motion			
	X Discussion Public Hearing			

**PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:** On August 26, 2002, the City Council adopted Ordinance No. 312, establishing a Municipal Art Fund and codifying regulations to implement the fund at Shoreline Municipal Code (SMC) 3.35.150. As provided in SMC 3.35.150(A), all expenditures from the Municipal Art Fund are restricted to those approved through a Public Art Policy that was approved by the City Council.

The City's Public Art Policy, adopted by Resolution No. 405, recognizes the development of a City Council-approved Public Art Plan so as to outline the direction for the City of Shoreline's public art program, including a work plan directing expenditures of the Municipal Art Fund. The Public Art Policy requires the Public Art Plan to be approved by the City Council.

Through 2016, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Department worked with the community, the PRCS Board and its Public Art Sub-Committee to develop a Public Art Plan so as to create a vision for implementing the City's goals for public art.

At its January 26, 2017 meeting the PRCS/Tree Board voted unanimously to endorse the proposed Public Art Plan. Implementation of the Public Art Plan calls for transitioning an extra help position into a 0.5 FTE regular staff position; the cost of which would be split between the Municipal Art Fund and the General Fund.

#### **RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

In 2017 the extra help position is budgeted at \$21,398 with 54% (\$11,629) coming from the General Fund and 46% (\$9,769) coming from the Municipal Art Fund. If Council is supportive of Resolution No. 404, as part of the April Budget Amendment staff will propose that the 0.5 FTE Public Art Coordinator position be funded 50/50 between the General Fund and the Municipal Art Fund. The additional cost in 2017 would be \$8,049 for the General Fund and \$9,337 for the Municipal Art Fund.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

No action is required by the City Council. This item is for discussion purposes only. Proposed Resolution No. 404 (Attachment A) is scheduled to return to the City Council for adoption on March 6, 2017.

Approved By: City Manager **DT** City Attorney **MK** 

# **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Resolution No.404 Approving a Public Art Plan for 2017 - 2022

## **INTRODUCTION**

The proposed <u>Public Art Plan 2017-2022</u> presents a comprehensive vision for greater diversity of programs and forms of public art over the next six years. It results from a year of public process, Art Committee and PRCS Board involvement, and staff planning. The Plan is intended to be an aspirational yet realistic plan for the future of Public Art in Shoreline.

### **BACKGROUND**

There have been two previous Public Art Plans developed by the PRCS Department, neither of which have been reviewed or approved by the City Council. The City Council adopted Ordinance No. 312, establishing a Municipal Art Fund and codifying regulations to implement the fund in 2002. As provided in SMC 3.35.150(A), all expenditures from the Municipal Art Fund are restricted to those approved through a Public Art Policy that was approved by the City Council.

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In 2007 the City created a .35 FTE Extra Help Public Art Coordinator position reporting to the PRCS Director to manage the Municipal Art Fund. Funding for this position is divided between the General Fund and the Municipal Art Fund. The approval of the 2006 Parks Bond and major development along Aurora Avenue generated revenue for multiple public art projects. The Public Art Coordinator has continued in that extra help capacity for a decade managing the public art program which has evolved from coordinating art projects associated with specific capital projects to developing community-based temporary art such as the popular "Piano Time" and "Artscape" (Temporary sculptures at City Hall and the Park at Town Center).

In 2011 the PRCS Department developed a <u>Public Art Plan 2011-2016</u> to "create a vision for implementing the long-range goal of infusing art in all aspects of the community as well as creating a plan for the short term." The <u>Public Art Plan 2011-2016</u> was presented to the PRCS Board on September 22, 2011 and approved by the Board on October 27, 2011. It was not reviewed or approved by the City Council.

In 2016 PRCS Staff, as part of its process to update the City's Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan (PROS Plan), began a process to update the Public Art Plan as well. The community outreach and participation for the PROS Plan incorporated gathering input for the Public Art Plan.

### **DISCUSSION**

## **Major Plan Components**

The Plan outlines a Mission, Vision and five key goals for public art in shoreline.

#### **PUBLIC ART MISSION**

The City of Shoreline believes in the value of a culturally-rich community that embraces all the arts, infuses artistic creativity into all aspects of civic life (including the built and natural environments) and celebrates and preserves our local history and diverse heritage in meaningful ways.

#### **PUBLIC ART VISION**

The City of Shoreline believes in the power of art in public places to draw people together, create vibrant neighborhoods where people desire to live, work and visit, and stimulate thought and discourse by enhancing visual interest in the built and natural environment. Art is part of the cultural thread that ties generations and civilizations together; creating opportunities for expression, reflection, participation and a landscape that is uniquely Shoreline.

#### GOALS

- Goal 1: The Public Art Program Will Be a Leader in the City's Placemaking Effort
  - The Public Art Plan supports Shoreline City Council Goal #1: "Initiate innovative, community-supported placemaking efforts that encourage people to spend time in Shoreline."
- Goal 2: Support the City's Commitment to Equity and Inclusion through the Arts
  - The Public Art Plan supports City Council Goal #2: "Expand the City's focus on equity and inclusion to enhance opportunities for community engagement."
- Goal 3: Achieve Greater Financial Sustainability for the Public Art Program
  - Council Goal #1 strives to "Strengthen Shoreline's economic base to maintain the public services that the community expects." CIP revenues alone are not enough to build and sustain the robust Public Art program the City has begun. The success of the program will depend upon the implementation of other funding sources with sustainable strategies.
- Goal 4: Engage the Community through Public / Private Partnerships
  - The City Council desires Shoreline to be perceived "...as a progressive and desirable community to new residents, investors, and businesses" (Goal #5). Public/private partnerships provide an efficient and effective way to maximize resources, increase productivity, and support investment in Shoreline.
- Goal 5: Integrate Public Art within Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services and the City
  - PRCS Department touches on many aspects of life in Shoreline.
     Incorporating art into its many programs and facilities provides an opportunity to have people engage with art in unique and meaningful ways. Incorporating art programs into special events and programs and Public Art into the city's parks will expand the reach of the city's Public Art

program beyond what is possible if just relying on the Public Art Coordinator.

#### The Next Six Years

The Public Art Plan includes a work plan for the next six years identifying specific strategies for goal implementation in three phases. In addition to specific strategies there are numerous activities that will be ongoing across each of the three phases described below. The continuous and central component of the Public Art Plan included in each phase ensures that the residents and visitors of Shoreline have access to a variety of art experiences. Providing indoor art exhibits, temporary sculptures, interactive art, nature-focused art, and support for neighborhood arts are included in each of the phases. The ideas listed in each phase describe special projects that depend on adequate financial and staff resources.

# Phase 1: 2017 – 2018: Commission a Major New Permanent Commission (national search) & Neighborhood Art.

- Commission a major piece of iconic, distinctive, exciting artwork that would draw people to Shoreline and provide a sense of pride for years to come. Budget: \$100,000 - \$150,000. The call would involve a national search.
- Collaborate with the City's Neighborhoods Coordinator to activate Shoreline neighborhoods with art such as street furniture painting (either by paid artists or by volunteers), banners, utility box wraps, sculpture projects (temporary and/or permanent), and performance art funded by neighborhood mini-grants. Part of the neighborhoods emphasis would involve equity outreach.

# Phase 2: 2019 – 2020: Identify sustainable funding strategies and commission a major installation by a local artist.

- Identify and implement alternate or additional funding sources.
- Commission an additional piece of iconic, distinctive, exciting artwork that would draw people to Shoreline and provide a sense of pride for years to come. Budget: \$40,000. The call would involve a national search but focus on the region. Budget would be dependent on grants and philanthropy.

# Phase 3: 2021- 2022: Activate permanent community cultural space in a new community/aquatics center.

- Plan for art space in a new community center (aquatics, recreation, arts & culture). A major focus would be on outreach to artists of color.
- Create a portable works collection (focuses on unique element and avoid duplication with Arts Council collection. Example: Shoreline print collection; Shoreline video art program with flat panel monitors on pedestals for loaning).

 Integrate art into Street Corridor Improvement Projects along 145<sup>th</sup>, 175<sup>th</sup>, and 185<sup>th</sup> Streets.

# Ongoing Programs: 2017- 2022:

- Production of an Art Guide / Brochure
- Temporary Sculpture Program (*Artscape* at Town Center Park): pursue new art infrastructure for larger sculptures with electrical power.
- Neighborhood Arts (includes a variety of murals and signal box art as well as equity arts outreach) / Community involvement program (*Piano Time*) (every other year; a Biennale)
- Establish a Shoreline Arts Symposium 1x/year in partnership with the Arts Council and local arts groups.
- Provide City Staff presence and art expertise as a liaison to Sound Transit subarea planning efforts.
- Nature Art Program (*Groundswell*; temporary work in urban forest parks)
- Indoor Exhibitions at City Hall (includes equity arts component)
- Institute a PRCS Teen Program Youth Arts Exhibition
- Maintain and repair the outdoor art collection
- Work with 4culture to maintain its artworks in Shoreline's collection.

## **Staffing Needs**

The Plan intends to be aspirational yet achievable. Since 2007 the public art program has been staffed by a .35 FTE Extra Help Public Art Coordinator. This Art Plan sets the stage to recognize the permanent nature of the public art program and transition the position to a regular city of Shoreline employee. Pending approval of the Public Art Plan, staff will propose as part of the April Budget Amendment to convert the extra help position to a 0.5 FTE Public Art Coordinator position.

Given that this position has been an on-going need, staff believes that it should be converted to a regular position. The City Manager did not propose this during the 2017 budget process, as staff was still working through the update of the Art Plan and the renewal of the City's property tax levy lid lift was undecided at the time the budget recommendation was formulated.

This position would continue the same responsibilities of the current Extra Help Public Art Coordinator. There would be an increase availability of 6 hours per week or 312 hours per year. This proposal will also afford the position access to city benefits such as vacation and sick leave, health insurance and retirement.

In 2017 the extra help position is budgeted at \$21,398 with 54% (\$11,629) coming from the General Fund and 46% (\$9,769) coming from the Municipal Art Fund. Staff proposes that the new position be split 50/50 between the General Fund and the Municipal Art Fund. The additional cost for the proposed position is shown in Table 1. With City Council's approval in April, Staff anticipates filing the position by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Table 1 indicates that the additional cost in 2017 would be \$8,049 for the General Fund and \$9,337 for the Municipal Art Fund.

Table 1: Cost of new Public Art Coordinator position

	2017 2018 Est			
	<u>20</u>	1/	<u>2018 Est</u>	
	Jan - April	May - Dec	Jan - Dec	
Public Art Coordinator (0.50FTE)	\$0	\$31,651	\$49,206	
General Fund -				
50% of Proposed 0.50FTE		\$15,826	\$24,603	
Current 2017 Extra Help Budget	\$3,852	\$7,777	\$11,629	
Public Art Coordinator Additional Cost		\$8,049	\$12,974	
Municipal Art Fund				
- 50% of Proposed 0.50FTE		\$15,826	\$24,603	
Current 2017 Extra Help Budget	\$3,280	\$6,489	\$9,769	
Public Art Coordinator Additional Cost		\$9,337	\$14,834	
<b>Total Additional Cost (both funds)</b>		\$17,386	\$27,808	

# **Budget Implications**

# **Historic Funding**

Since 2003 the City has spent over \$1.5 M supporting public art programs in Shoreline (Table 2). Funding provided from the General Fund for the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council contract accounts for the majority of those expenditures (\$902,417). Funding for the public art program from the Municipal Art Fund started slowly between 2003 and 2007, peaked in 2008-2012, and has slowed since 2013. The funding from the Municipal Art Fund went to projects at Echo Lake, Saltwater, Cromwell, Hamlin and Town Center Parks and the Interurban Bridges and along the Interurban Trail.

Table 2: Historic funding for public art program.

_	2003-2007	20082012	2013-2016	TOTAL
Public Art Program				
Art Fund	\$99,315	\$293,075	\$164,970	\$557,360
General Fund	\$342,950	\$365,469	\$276,515	\$984,934
Grants/Other	\$0	\$0	\$9,000	\$9,000
Total Budget	\$442,265	\$658,544	\$450,485	\$1,551,294
Municipal Art Fund				
Beginning Balance	\$0	\$242,813	\$273,106	
Revenue	\$342,128	\$323,368	\$250,122	\$915,618
Expenditures	\$99,315	\$293,075	\$164,970	\$557,360
<b>Ending Balance</b>	\$242,813	\$273,106	\$358,258	_

# **Future Funding**

A revenue and expense model has been developed for the six-year implementation period for the Plan (Table 3).

# **Municipal Art Fund:**

The Municipal Art Fund is codified in SMC 3.35.150. As directed by the SMC, 1% of specified capital improvement projects are deposited into the fund. Table 3 shows that the beginning Municipal Art Fund balance for 2017 is \$358,258. Table 3 shows the annual beginning and ending balance based on contributions to the fund each year from CIP projects and withdrawals from the fund that are used to support the public art program. The ending fund balance in 2022 would be \$92,319.

# **Art Program Revenues:**

Art program revenues come from the Municipal Art Fund, General Fund, private/public grants, and philanthropy. The General Fund contribution is based on the cost of the contract with the Shoreline Lake Forest Park Arts Council, ½ the cost of the 0.5 FTE Public Art Coordinator position, and the cost of routine maintenance of city-owned art. Revenues from grants and philanthropy are dependent on the success of the City in securing funds from those sources. The revenues to the art program from the Municipal Art Fund are set at an amount to cover the remaining expenses.

## **Art Program Expenses:**

Future expenditures for each component of the art program have been projected over the course of the Plan. The largest expenses are for the major commissions and the support for the Arts Council. The remainder of the components of the art program is focused on smaller, community based projects. These program areas are outlined in the proposed Public Art Plan.

Table 3: Public Art Program 6-Year Budget – To be reviewed and formally adopted annually

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Municipal Art Fund (MAF)						
MAF Beginning Balance	\$358,258	\$418,568	\$279,076	\$252,479	\$193,748	\$154,894
MAF Revenues (1% CIP Contribution)	\$99,635	\$27,111	\$17,697	\$13,240	\$13,428	\$15,590
Other MAF Revenue (Grants/Philanthropy)	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$5,000	\$15,000
MAF Expenditures	(\$44,326)	(\$181,603)	(\$49,294)	(\$86,972)	(\$57,282)	(\$93,166)
MAF End Fund Balance	\$418,568	\$279,076	\$252,479	\$193,748	\$154,894	\$92,319
Public Art Program RESOURCES						
Use of MAF Fund Balance	\$44,326	\$181,603	\$49,294	\$86,972	\$57,282	\$93,166
General Fund Contribution	\$80,826	\$89,853	\$91,306	\$92,760	\$94,359	\$96,047
TOTAL REVENUE	\$125,151	\$271,456	\$140,600	\$179,731	\$151,641	\$189,212
Public Art Program EXPENDITURES						
Major Commission	\$10,000	\$140,000		\$40,000		\$40,000
Temporary Sculpture	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$4,000
Nature Art Program	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$5,000	\$4,000
Neighborhood Arts (Murals/ Wraps)	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$2,500
Community involvement (Piano Time)	\$2,500	\$0	\$3,500	\$0	\$4,000	\$0
Equity Arts (project; grants)	\$3,000	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Indoor art exhibitions	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Outreach and awareness	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Grants to Artists		\$3,000	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$3,000	\$3,500
Shoreline LFP Arts Council	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Maintenance (GF/CIP)	\$5,000	\$5,250	\$5,513	\$5,788	\$6,078	\$6,381
Total Non-staff Expenditures	\$93,500	\$222,250	\$89,013	\$125,788	\$95,078	\$129,881
Public Art Coordinator	\$31,651	\$49,206	\$51,587	\$53,943	\$56,563	\$59,331
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$125,151	\$271,456	\$140,600	\$179,731	\$151,641	\$189,212

#### STAKEHOLDER OUTREACH

The proposed Public Art Plan was reviewed by the Public Art Subcommittee through a series of meetings in 2016, culminating in a final discussion on January 19, 2017. It was reviewed by the PRCS/Tree Board on December 1, 2016 and again on January 26, 2017. The PRCS/Tree voted unanimously to support the proposed Public Art Plan 2017-2022.

Updating the Public Art Plan coincides with the update of the City's Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan (PROS Plan), which outlines the City's goals for parks and recreation facilities, programs, and cultural services. The Public Art Plan integrates with the PROS Plan as a key component of Cultural Services which encapsulate the rationale for prioritizing arts and heritage as integral components of the Shoreline community. The PROS Plan describes how Cultural Services are shared between the City and other agencies such as the Shoreline Lake Forest Park Arts Council, Shoreline Historical Museum, and the City's own Special Events program housed in the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department.

The update to the Public Art Plan solicited public feedback over several months by joining PROS Plan neighborhood meetings, public art stakeholder meetings, intercept events, two public art forums, two 'pop-up' surveys at public art events, and conversations with Shoreline Lake Forest Park Arts Council leadership. During PROS Plan public meetings, questions were asked about the challenges to public art, as well as what public art means to Shoreline residents -- among a host of other questions focusing on parks and recreation. (See Appendix C to the Public Art Plan for Public Involvement details) A PROS Plan online survey gathered results from April through the end of June and included several questions specific to public art. Public meeting and survey results appear in detail on the PROS Plan web pages at shorelinewa.gov/prosplan

### **RESOURCE/FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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### RECOMMENDATION

No action is required by the City Council. This item is for discussion purposes only. Proposed Resolution No. 404 (Attachment A) is scheduled to return to the City Council for adoption on March 6, 2017.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A: Resolution No.404 Approving a Public Art Plan for 2017 Through 2022

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 404**

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, APPROVING A PUBLIC ART PLAN FOR 2017 THROUGH 2022

WHEREAS, on August 26, 2002, the City Council adopted Ordinance 312, establishing a Municipal Art Fund and codifying regulations to implement the fund at Shoreline Municipal Code (SMC) 3.35.150; and

WHEREAS, as provided in SMC 3.35.150(A), all expenditures from the Municipal Art Fund are restricted to those approved through a Public Art Policy that was approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the City's current Public Art Policy, adopted by Ordinance 770, recognizes the development of a City Council-approved Public Art Plan so as to outline the direction for the City of Shoreline's public art program, including a work plan directing the expenditures of the Municipal Art Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department worked with the community, the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Board and its Public Art Sub-Committee to develop a Public Art Plan to create a vision for implementing the City's goals for public art; and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2017, the City Council held a study session on the proposed 2017-2022 Public Art Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has considered all relevant information in the public record and all public comments, written and oral;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

**Section 1.** Repeal of Previous Public Art Plans. All prior Public Art Plans are repealed in their entirety.

Section 2. Approval of the City of Shoreline's 2017-2022 Public Art Plan. The City Council hereby approves the City of Shoreline's Public Art Plan 2017-2022 attached hereto as Exhibit A.

#### ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL ON March 6, 2017.

Christopher Roberts, Mayor

Jessica Simulcik Smith, City Clerk

# Exhibit A Resolution # 404

Public Art Plan 2017-2022

Attachment A
Exhibit A
Public Art Plan 2017-2022



# Public Art Plan 2017-2022



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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Shoreline's third Public Art Plan presents a comprehensive vision for a greater diversity of programs and forms of public art over the next six years, 2017 – 2022. It represents a year of public process, Art Committee and PRCS Board involvement, and Staff planning resulting in an aspirational yet realistic plan for the future of Public Art in Shoreline.

In 2002, the City passed Ordinance 312 establishing a 1% Municipal Art Fund (Art Fund) and adopting Shoreline's first Public Art Policy. The Art Fund is based on 1% of the cost of major capital projects such as the improvements to Aurora Ave. N. and the addition of the police station to City Hall. A Public Art Sub-Committee was appointed by the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Board to advise on Art Fund expenditures.

In 2007 the City created a .35 FTE Extra Help Public Art Coordinator position reporting to the PRCS Director to manage the Art Fund. Funding for this position is divided equally between the General Fund and the Art Fund. The approval of the 2006 Parks Bond and major development along Aurora Avenue generated revenue for multiple public art projects. The 1% funding model has proven to be sustainable in periods of large construction projects, but struggles to fund ongoing programming during leaner years.

The Public Art program has evolved to include neighborhood-based projects, placemaking efforts, coordination with Sound Transit to integrate art into light rail station subareas, Piano Time, sculptures in the Park at Town Center, indoor exhibits at the City Hall Gallery, and much more. Shoreline's Public Art program works with the Shoreline Lake Forest Park Arts Council to avoid duplication of programs by focusing on permanent additions to the City's collection, temporary eco-art projects, sculpture loans, gallery exhibits, and non-visual art forms such as sound art, music and literature.

This Plan outlines goals and action steps that reflect public input from Shoreline residents, artists, and arts advocates who attended meetings or took online public art surveys. The public process dovetails with the update to the City's Parks, Recreation & Open Space Plan. Results of multiple outreach efforts are available in detail online at shorelinewa.gov/prosplan.

Five goals and their strategies for implementation are defined in the Plan:

- Goal 1: The Public Art Program Will Be a Leader in the City's Placemaking Effort
- Goal 2: Support the City's Commitment to Equity and Inclusion through the Arts
- Goal 3: Achieve Greater Financial Sustainability for the Public Art Program
- Goal 4: Engage the Community through Public / Private Partnerships
- Goal 5: Integrate Public Art within Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services and the City

A six-year implementation strategy based on the five major goals are prioritized over three phases. In addition to ongoing public art programs there are several priority tasks associated with each phase :

- Phase 1 (2017-2018) focuses on placemaking through the commissioning of a major art installation, neighborhood art projects, and individual artist grants.
- Phase 2 (2019-2020) identifies sustainable funding strategies.
- Phase 3 (2021-2022) works with the Parks Department to activate permanent community cultural space in a new community/aguatics center.

A series of appendices provide details about the City's current public art permanent collection, the extensive public involvement process leading to the Plan, the 2016 condition assessment of the collection, and additional reference materials.

# INTRODUCTION

Incorporated in 1995 and just nine miles north of downtown Seattle, Shoreline remains a young city entering its third decade during a time of unprecedented growth and change. As the City's *Vision 2029* statement recognized in 2009, "(p)eople are first drawn here by the city's...trees [and the] value placed on arts, culture, and history." The Public Art Program supports the Shoreline City Council's 2016 – 2018 goal of strengthening the City's economic base by creating exciting cultural programs that draw people from the surrounding region and contributing to placemaking and community engagement, especially through programs and initiatives at the neighborhood level. For more on the City's public art program visit shorelinewa.gov/art.

This Public Art Plan creates a vision for a sustainable public art program in Shoreline. It replaces the previous six-year Plan (2011- 2016), acknowledges its strong foundation, and shapes its future by providing a blueprint for public art projects in the City.

Part 1 (Chapter 1) of the Plan tells the story of how the foundation of Public Art in the Shoreline area was laid, beginning with the impact of the Shoreline Lake Forest Park Arts Council's legacy that began nearly thirty years ago, to the institution of Shoreline's own municipal arts program in 2002, and where the program finds itself nearly fifteen years later. The ways the City's public art program interfaces with the Shoreline Lake Forest Park Arts Council are described, as are the basic administrative structures of the City's Program: The Public Art Sub-Committee, the Public Art Coordinator, and municipal funding mechanisms.

Part 2 (beginning with Chapter 2) of the Plan offers a strategy to shape the future of Public Art in Shoreline. It begins by attempting to capture the elusive idea of what public art is. What was at one time a fairly concretely defined concept has over time broadened to include more comprehensive and expressive elements so that a redefinition of terms is required. This Plan lists elements of both Visual and Non-Visual Art that fall into the broad category of "public art."

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Public process plays a vital role in the definition of arts and culture in Shoreline, which has identified citizen input and open government as a priority. Chapter 3 reviews the year-long effort to reach out to stakeholders in the arts as well as residents who encounter public art in their everyday lives, on their way to work, or in parks a few blocks from their house.

Chapter 4 outlines the Mission and Vision statements. These statements guide five major goals and possible implementation strategies listed in Chapter 5.

The sixth chapter builds on the goals section by detailing a six-year plan to grow the art program and solidify its important role in making Shoreline a desirable place to live. Here three phases for Public Art are described that bring major permanent artworks to our streets, followed by a temporary community arts center that can grow into a permanent home for the arts community. This chapter also addresses the role of public art in other civic sectors like Neighborhoods (Community Services), Economic Development, and Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services (PRCS). A series of Appendices at the end provide supporting documentation as referenced throughout the Plan.

As a visionary and aspirational document, the Plan recognizes funding constraints, but simultaneously seeks to inspire the community by imagining the potential of a strong, fully supported program that would profoundly enhance the City's cultural landscape to mirror its stunning natural setting on the shores of the Salish Sea.

# PART 1 – SECURING OUR FOUNDATION

#### **CHAPTER 1**

# **Public Art in Shoreline, Then and Now**

#### Then...

Prior to 1995, when the City was incorporated, arts programming in the area was managed by the Shoreline Lake Forest Park Arts Council. Founded in 1989 as a 501c3 non-profit, with a mandate that spanned from the shores of Puget Sound to the shores of Lake Washington, the Arts Council infused arts into the community with concerts in the park, an Arts in Culture performance series, a dynamic arts festival featuring a variety of media and cultural groups, a major artists-in-the-schools program, and gallery exhibitions.

As the City of Shoreline was being created from unincorporated King County, King County Arts and Heritage Organization 4Culture (under the name of King County Arts Commission at the time) provided grant funding for the concerts and performances and created an Arts Plan to guide the future. Once incorporated, the City's investment in the Arts Council through an annual contract increased and enhanced the area's arts programming.

In 2002, responding to a 2001 suggestion from the Arts Council and local arts advocates that the new City consider a 1% for the arts funding program, the Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services (PRCS) Board appointed an Art Subcommittee comprised of PRCS Board members, the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council Executive Director and Arts Council Board members. City staff worked with the Subcommittee to recommend the creation of a Municipal Art Fund (Art Fund) by allocating 1% of the construction costs from qualifying City capital improvement projects to the Art Fund. The City Council adopted the proposal in 2002 as Ordinance 312. That same year Shoreline's first Public Art Policy was adopted "to implement the purpose of the Municipal Art Fund ... by providing a plan and procedure by which the City will accept works of art as part of its permanent and temporary collection."

In April 2007, the City created a .35 FTE Extra-Help Public Art Coordinator position reporting to the PRCS Director to manage the Art Fund. Shoreline's first Public Art Coordinator, Rosaline Bird, had served for 11 years as Executive Director of the Arts Council following six years as Board President, a relationship that facilitated the City's ongoing arts-programming contract with the Arts Council. The Arts Council continued to offer a variety of programs, and the Public Art Coordinator primarily managed and coordinated large public art commissions including artist selection processes, contract management, grant writing, and overseeing installations and budget from 2007 – 2011.

During this time, the major re-development of Aurora Avenue and the North City business district generated revenue for the Art Fund. The successful passing of a Parks Bond in 2006 paid for the acquisition of property and re-development of many of Shoreline's parks which also generated revenue to the Art Fund. The first project to make use of the Art Fund created the two Interurban trail bridges, by nationally recognized artist Vicki Scuri, over North 155<sup>th</sup> Street, adjacent to Aurora Avenue N. and over



Aurora at N 160th Street, completed in 2007. Aurora Avenue Bridge, Vicki Scuri artist, 2007

New capital improvement projects, such as the second mile of Aurora, initiated a second wave of artworks and planning, with much attention focused on the area between 175<sup>th</sup> and 185<sup>th</sup> as a future Town Center area. In the absence of a single 'downtown' urban core, and because of the City's efforts to develop focal point places, this area was studied for placement of a significant art installation, including a landscaped area with a possible water feature or fountain. The Art Subcommittee spent several years working with consultants to develop a master plan for the Park at Town Center, preserving a 200-foot section of brick road as a remnant of the trunk road and Interurban trolley line, which extended from the City's southern border at 145<sup>th</sup>, northward to Echo Lake.

To activate this space, the Public Art Program rolled out a series of temporary public art programs funded by the Art Fund, including "Sculpture Stroll," an annual sculpture loan program featuring previously made sculpture mounted on concrete pads, "Piano Time," a month long display of artist-decorated pianos donated by the public, and "From the Ground Up," a series of temporary eco-art projects. These temporary projects introduced new kinds of Public Art to Shoreline, with an emphasis on community-based projects that enhance public spaces for shorter amounts of time, exhibit an adventuresome spirit, and bring attention to the City from regional artists.



Artscape Sculpture "Clang", Matthew Dockrey, artist

By 2014 it was apparent that the cumulative financial impact of these temporary projects on the Art Fund over a five-year period (2011 – 2015) had drawn down overall funds and that, without a major CIP project in the future, the program would require substantial changes in staffing and level of service. Recognizing that the 2002 Ordinance anticipated the installation of major permanent work of art, a reserve of \$100,000 was set aside in the Art Fund to maintain the ability to fund major permanent works. Diminished revenue meant the Art Program in 2014 and 2015 was limited to smaller expenditures per year for temporary projects. Expenditures for permanent art in 2014 and 2015 were allocated to acquiring smaller sculptures including *S. Cargo* by Karien Balluff on the Interurban Trail and *Sunset* by Bruce and Shannon Andersen at Sunset School Park.

#### Now...

The City of Shoreline Public Art Program is now over 10 years old. As part of the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department (PRCS), it functions within the department's mission of "provid(ing) life-enhancing experiences [that] bring our culture to life and transfer it to the next generation." With 410 acres of parks and open space, including 20 developed park sites, as well as recreation and community centers designed "to recreate the mind and the body," PRCS provides a strong base of support for public art, with many shared goals and broadly similar services all designed to give residents an abundance of opportunities to enrich their lives.

Two major contracts and internally-managed special events and public art programs form the backbone of Cultural Services in the City. Both the Shoreline Lake Forest Park Arts Council and the Shoreline Historical Museum contract with the City under a \$60,000 annual services contract to provide arts and cultural services and programs.

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#### SHORELINE LAKE FOREST PARK ARTS COUNCIL

The Arts Council has grown to include a full-time executive director and eight part-time employees who manage various aspects of the organization from publicity to the small gallery maintained in the Town Center in Lake Forest Park. In 2015, the Arts Council initiated a membership program and currently has about 100 dues-paying members with plans to increase them substantially in the future.

The Arts Council's core purpose is to "cultivate creativity and inspire our community through the arts" (mission statement), through goals that "promote public awareness of the arts," "coordinate and sponsor" various arts programs (especially educational programs), "advocate for support for the arts," and "provide financial and other support for arts organizations, artists, arts activities and projects."

Recent Arts Council programming has focused on adult, family, and youth-centered workshops and performances that are typically short, a few hours to a day or two. The Arts Council concentrates on Artists in the Schools, placing 20-30 artists per year in Pre-K-12 settings in the City. This program is regarded countywide as a model for artists in schools. In the same way that the Public Art Plan reinforces Shoreline City Council goals of "placemaking" and fostering a vibrant City culture, the Arts Council emphasizes the importance of the arts in building successful communities through "creative connections" that support the City's culture.

In addition to education, the Arts Council provides entertainment-oriented arts programming through Summer Concerts in the Park - up to eight performances per year. The Arts Council's contracted

programs extend to the Shoreline Arts Festival, the City's largest arts event, held over two days, as well as collaboration on indoor group exhibitions, cocurated with the City's Public Art Coordinator. Finally, the Arts Council's scope includes providing selections from their Portable Works collection to interior public spaces in the City and a series of mini-grants for community groups. Beyond the City contract, the Arts Council operates a 200-sq. ft. gallery in Lake Forest Park and manages many other programs, supported by funding from membership, an



annual arts gala fundraiser event, grants from 4Culture, and donations from individuals, Cleanscapes Recology, and other businesses. The City of Shoreline provides approximately 16% of the Arts Council annual budget.

#### PUBLIC ART COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The original 2002 Public Art Policy called for a Public Art Sub-Committee (Committee) of the PRCS Board to be comprised of at least one member of the PRCS Board, one PRCS Department staff, one Arts Council representative, and one City Finance Department staff. The 2009 update to the Public Art Policy established a separate Art Committee. Over time the Committee has evolved to include two members from the PRCS Board and three from the community with active leadership by the Art Coordinator. The Committee is an advisory body to the PRCS Board and staff. The Committee and the PRCS Board have been closely involved in development of this Public Art Plan.

Jurying art, or selection of proposals, has been an important Committee responsibility. Open calls for art are written by the Public Art Coordinator and circulated regionally on art portals; these may be Requests for Qualifications for larger art commissions, direct Calls for Art, Invitational Calls, or combinations of Open and Invitational. Invitational Calls seek submissions from artists who have expertise in particular areas and are nominated by jurists with advanced knowledge of local and regional artists. An art panel consisting of members of the Art Committee, an artist, arts professional and other site-specific stakeholders review applications, invite finalists for interviews and make recommendations to the full PRCS Board. As the project progresses, concept designs are reviewed by the panel and recommended to the PRCS Board for approval. The process is facilitated by the City's Public Art Coordinator and is more stringent for Requests for Qualifications.



Shoreline Pool Mural, Sara Snedeker and Artquake Collective volunteers, artists

#### PUBLIC ART COORDINATOR

Historically, when a capital improvement project generated a significant level of contributions to the Art Fund, the Public Art Coordinator worked with the Committee to commission major works of public art. The Coordinator conducts searches to bring artists with national reputations to Shoreline.

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In addition to facilitating the creation of permanent artworks, the Public Art Coordinator supervises temporary outdoor art projects (*Artscape*, *Piano Time*, and *Groundswell*). Working closely with the Art Committee and the Arts Council, the Public Art Coordinator collaborates with the City's Neighborhoods Coordinator on neighborhood-based projects, Economic Development Director on placemaking efforts, and Kruckeberg Botanic Garden staff on site-specific programs. As the primary staff representing the City's Public Art Program, the Coordinator serves as the first point of contact for outside agencies seeking to engage public art projects in the City.

The City's Public Art Program is designed to complement the strengths of the Arts Council through programs that the Arts Council has not focused as intensively on. One such program administered by the Public Art Coordinator is the series of exhibitions at City Hall and Spartan Recreation Center (up to six curated exhibitions a year with a total of almost 50 artists chosen from local and regional open-calls) and the accompanying artist panels and symposia related to exhibitions.

Shoreline's 14 different neighborhoods each have a unique identity and interest in placemaking which seeks opportunities for the arts to define Shoreline as a desirable place to live. The Neighborhood minigrant program offers annual community grants up to \$5,000 for various improvement projects, some of which concern neighborhood public art facilitated by the Public Art Coordinator. Recent examples include a mural painted by Michiko Tanaka on a restroom facility at Twin Ponds Park, a project initiated by the Parkwood Neighborhood Association and an Orca whale sculpture project initiated by the Richmond Beach Community Association.

#### PUBLIC ART PROGRAM FUNDING

Ordinance 312 instituted a funding mechanism sufficient to begin a collection of permanent outdoor artwork that is sustainable in periods of large construction projects but struggles when there are fewer qualifying CIP projects. The public's enthusiastic response to temporary projects leads to the question of how to balance major permanent commissions with short-term public art.

The public art program has three primary funding sources, the largest of which is the Art Fund. The General Fund is the second largest source funding one half of the Public Art Coordinator's salary and the contract with the Arts Council. The PRCS Repair and Replacement budget funds public art maintenance.

Grants provide some level of funding each year. The City functions as the first point of contact for government arts organizations at the state, county, and national level, such as Humanities Washington, the Washington State Arts Commission, King County Arts and Heritage Organization 4Culture, Western States Arts Federation, Americans for the Arts, and the National Endowment for the Arts.

# PART 2 - SHAPING OUR FUTURE

# **CHAPTER 2 Defining Public Art**

The terminology for what constitutes public art evolves and changes as cultural values shift and grow. The term was originally used to refer exclusively to permanent, commissioned artworks pejoratively referred to as object-based "plop art." It was broadened by Suzanne Lacy (*Mapping the Terrain*, 1995) and others in the 1990s to include "new genre public art," which incorporated a much broader understanding in terms of different media and social intervention. This resulted in what Lacy called a shared sense of "engagement." <sup>1</sup> A recent focal point for public art programs across the country has been on diversification through the participation of underrepresented populations, including people of color, LGBT, and immigrant



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Public Art Plan is not intended as an art-historical or academic research document but is rather an arts-administrative policy guide for the next six year period. That said, it touches on (and is informed by) many issues of current interest to contemporary art in general. There are numerous books about the topic of public art, but in addition to Lacy's work, the following texts have been of particular help: Erika Doss, *Spirit Poles and Flying Pigs: Public Art and Cultural Democracy in American Communities*, Smithsonian, 1995; Barbara Goldstein, *Public Art by the Book*, U Washington P, 2005; Robert Klanten and Matthias Hubner, *Urban Interventions*, Gestalten, Berlin, 2010; Miwon Kwon, *One Place After Another: Site Specific Art and Locational Identity*, MIT, 2002; Annie Lai, *Public Art Now*, Sandu Publishing, 2016; W.J.T. Mitchell, *Art and the Public Sphere*, U Chicago P, 1992; Twylene Moyer and Glenn Harper, eds. *The New Earthwork*, isc, 2011; Erika Suderburg, ed. *Space*, *Site*, *Intervention*, U Minnesota P, 2000; Linda Weintraub, ed. *To Life: Eco Art in Pursuit of a Sustainable Planet*, U California P, 2012.

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populations who may be marginalized by mainstream Western art.

"Nature Song," Briar Bates, artist 2014

Public art is not necessarily beautiful (a subjective value), but seeks to foster dialogue, debate, and discourse about the ways in which we view ourselves and our environment. Rather than assuming that the function of public art is to cosmetically enhance the infrastructure of the City or simply entertain, public art is a thought-provoking, socially engaged form of communication capable of providing the deepest insight into the human experience. Public art elicits an active response from fully-participating audiences.

To make public art, the artist must "take into account the ethos of the region, history of site, sustainable practices, and social engagement" (Buster Simpson, Sound Transit Lynnwood Link Application). A public artist does not rule out any aspect of a City's culture in making decisions about artwork that can provide a lasting value: "all aspects of the public realm potentially...become part of the palette; the landscape, the infrastructure, the built environment, and the social and economic engagement" (ibid.).

Art can be temporary or permanent. Appendix A catalogues Shoreline's current permanent collection. For this Plan's purposes, public art can be both. A healthy program will include a balance between permanent commissions of small and large-scale artworks as well as an array of temporary artworks that may be on display from as little as a single day or even a few hours (for a performance piece or theater play, for example), to a period of several months or a year or more. In some cases, works are designed to erode into the soil, leaving little or no apparent trace.



Groundswell Program at Paramount Open Space "Out of One, Many; Out of Many, One (E Pluribus Unum)," Sara Kavage, artist

The 2011-2016 Art Plan strove to be broadly inclusive, mentioning music and dance. This Plan also defines public art in broad, culturally inclusive ways that are meant to continue exploring a sense of engagement, including social justice. A public art program should encourage new works in experimental settings, and where appropriate and safe, even accept a certain level of risk. The previous Plan specifically mentioned that design components incorporated into capital projects (concrete pavers, for example, with leaf designs) *do not* qualify as public art; that distinction is also retained here. However,

these kinds of decorative components of public works projects are often assumed to be public art by residents, who may not be aware that they are commercial products rather than the work of individual artists. Nevertheless, opportunities for decorative embellishment should be welcomed and expanded, especially since they dovetail closely with officially-recognized forms of public art and also (most important of all) because they do not drain the public art fund and help create the impression of a City filled with art.

Shoreline's Public Art Policy defines public art broadly as "all forms of original creations of visual and tactile art that are accessible to the public in City-owned facilities, including parks." It identified 14 types of public art and cautioned that the list "is not limited to" those forms. This plan expands public art to include the forms listed below:

#### Forms of Public Art

- Dance, Theater, and Performance
- Painting, photography, drawing, collage, book arts, mixed media, encaustic, prints, and the
  myriad other forms of both two- and three-dimensional artworks, mostly portable, but also in
  large scale format.
- Sculptural objects (includes a variety of scale, from large earthworks and landscape art, to
  monuments and statues, to smaller pieces displayed in vitrines; of any material and inclusive of
  kinetic, functional, interactive, and/or multimedia components; inclusive too of traditionallyregarded crafts such as wood carvings, glass and ceramics, textiles and fabric, and the like.)
- Murals, Vinyl Wraps, Banners (murals can be applied to walls by a variety of means, inside or
  outside; wraps and banners refer to decorative embellishments of the built environment and
  urban furniture and can include painted fire hydrants, sidewalk chalk art, etc.)
- Art exhibitions (by definition, these public and accessible displays of both two and three-dimensional artworks often comprised of a group of artists organized around a curatorial theme -- collectively form an important category of temporary public art, especially in Shoreline where there are as yet no commercial art galleries and no venues for the display of curated exhibitions.)
- Community-based art (a wide variety of artistic practice that involves embedding in community groups, often with an explicit social message, with the visual art often serving a subsidiary function.)
- Signage, calligraphy, text (does not include advertising or billboards as such but conveys an easily observable artistic component that is not specifically designed to sell a product.)

- Experimental geography, mapping, walking (relatively recent art forms that combine a multidisciplinary approach to visual art making that borrows from geography, mapping, GIS, orienteering, wayfinding, and navigating urban space.)
- Conceptual, installation, time-based, emerging, new media (new forms of art are constantly developing as technology and culture foster experimentation. Augmented reality is a good example.)
- Sound art (examples might include ambient noise that an artist manipulates or curates for audiences to listen to; experiments with sonic waves, and other forms of auditory stimulus).
- Music
- Literary arts, spoken word
- Community-based art (as above, though without the production of visual objects; thus, a song or narrative developed by an artist or artist group with direct engagement with a social group)
- Art exhibitions (see above, but with an emphasis on non-visual art forms, such as a sound-art group show)



Piano Time 2016 along the Interurban Trail, "Lounge Lizard," Carol Meckling, artist

# CHAPTER 3 2017 - 2022 Art Plan Public Process



Updating the Art Plan coincides with the update of the City's Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Plan (PROS Plan), which outlines the City's goals for parks and recreation facilities, programs, and cultural services. The Art Plan integrates with the PROS Plan as a key component of Cultural Services which encapsulate the rationale for prioritizing arts and heritage as integral components of the Shoreline community. The PROS Plan describes how Cultural Services are shared between the City and other

agencies such as the Shoreline Lake Forest Park Arts Council, Shoreline Historical Museum, and the City's own Special Events program housed in the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Services Department. Appendix B contains a comprehensive asset inventory of Parks' infrastructure, including public art as physical assets was completed in 2016. The resulting assessment of condition and future maintenance is included as a review of the City's permanent outdoor collection.

The PROS Plan includes specific information regarding the public art plan public involvement process, which accumulated an abundance of commentary and data. The update to the Art Plan solicited public feedback over several months by joining PROS Plan neighborhood meetings, public art stakeholder meetings, intercept events, two public art forums, two 'pop-up' surveys at public art events, and conversations with Shoreline Lake Forest Park Arts Council leadership. During PROS Plan public meetings, questions were asked about the challenges to public art, as well as what public art means to Shoreline residents -- among a host of other questions focusing on parks and recreation. (See Appendix C for Public Involvement details) A PROS Plan online survey gathered results from April through the end of June and included several questions specific to public art. Public meeting and survey results appear in detail on the PROS Plan web pages at shorelinewa.gov/prosplan.

This information was organized by the Public Art Coordinator, reviewed by the Art Committee, and recommended for approval by the PRCS Board at the December, 2016 regular meeting. It shaped the goals outlined in Chapter 5 and is prioritized in three work plan phases over six-years as: beginning years, middle years, and end years (Chapter 6).



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# **CHAPTER 4**

#### **Public Art Mission and Vision**

#### **PUBLIC ART MISSION**

The City of Shoreline believes in the value of a culturally-rich community that embraces all the arts, infuses artistic creativity into all aspects of civic life (including the built and natural environments) and celebrates and preserves our local history and diverse heritage in meaningful ways.

#### **PUBLIC ART VISION**

The City of Shoreline believes in the power of art in public places to draw people together, create vibrant neighborhoods where people desire to live, work and visit, and stimulate thought and discourse by enhancing visual interest in the built and natural environment. Art is part of the cultural thread that ties generations and civilizations together; creating opportunities for expression, reflection, participation and a landscape that is uniquely Shoreline.

Public Art does more than provide aesthetic beauty to an urban area otherwise dominated by infrastructure and the built environment. It provides a sense of imagination and basis for engagement with the City. Earlier City of Shoreline studies (*Vision 2029* Statement; Park at Town Center Visioning, 2010, etc.) as well as the longstanding presence of the Shoreline Historical Museum and the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Arts Council, testify to the City's passion for history, heritage, and creativity. As the goals and implementation strategies imply, the City will be among the leaders for Public Art in the region.

Shoreline's vision is that public art will:

- provide new perspectives and grounds for open interpretation
- lead diversity and inclusion efforts
- explore the human experience
- define public space in artistic terms
- inspire the community to invest in public art



Aurora Theater Company "Into the Woods" at City Hall 2015

#### **CHAPTER 5**

# **Goals and Implementation Strategies**

The goals and possible implementation strategies in this Plan reflect public input from Shoreline residents, artists and other advocates who attended meetings or took online public art surveys. The possible implementation strategies present a brainstorm of ideas of ways to achieve each Goal. As opportunities present themselves we will pursue the strategies outlined here. However, recognizing limited resources are available, the highest priority implementation strategies are described in more detail in the next Chapter.

- Goal 1: The Public Art Program Will Be a Leader in the City's Placemaking Effort
- Goal 2: Support the City's Commitment to Equity and Inclusion through the Arts
- Goal 3: Achieve Greater Financial Sustainability for the Public Art Program
- Goal 4: Engage the Community through Public / Private Partnerships
- Goal 5: Integrate Public Art within Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services and the City

#### Goal 1: The Public Art Program will be a leader in the City's Placemaking Effort

#### **GOAL OVERVIEW:**

The Public Art Plan supports Shoreline City Council Goal #1: "Initiate innovative, community-supported placemaking efforts that encourage people to spend time in Shoreline."



The Interurban Trail along Aurora Avenue North at 155<sup>th</sup> Street

#### **POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES:**

- 1. Commission a major piece of iconic, distinctive, exciting artwork that would draw people to Shoreline and provide a sense of pride for years to come. Budget: \$100,000 \$150,000. The call would involve a national search. (Phase 1)
- 2. Commission a significant piece of art in the \$30,000 \$50,000 range every two to three years to activate the community and grow the City's collection. (Phases 1 2)
- 3. Provide a multi-use arts and cultural center (e.g. "maker spaces") for the people of Shoreline. This was a priority in the past two Public Art Plans and remains so. (Phase 3 and beyond).
- 4. Institute a Shoreline Art Grants Program that would encourage local artists, as well as nearby artists interested in siting projects in Shoreline, to apply on an annual basis for project-related grants from \$500 to \$3,000. (Phase 2)
- 5. Develop and encourage temporary, community-based art opportunities by providing maker spaces at the neighborhood level. (Phases 2 -3)
- 6. Support theatre through the creation of a naturally sloping outdoor amphitheater to serve as a performing arts venue. Partner with the Aurora Theater Company to provide community-based arts programming. Shoreline's Aurora Theater Company desires a better solution for outdoor theater and has suggested a major placemaking effort at Shoreview Park. (Phases 2-3)
- 7. Feature niche art markets that dovetail with the City's emphasis on green technology, the solar festival at Shoreline Community College, the Shoreline Film Office, and an abundance of urban forests as partners in the Arts. (Phase 1 -2)
- 8. Integrate arts programming and environmental education by populating Shoreline's urban forests with various forms of eco-art, and hosting educational symposiums (Phase 3).
- 9. Install more visible art in highly visible places such as Richmond Beach Saltwater Park and Aurora Avenue. A drivable corridor of up to 30 temporary and permanent sculptures would distinguish Shoreline and bring visitors from far and wide. (Phase 1)

#### Goal 2: Support the City's Commitment to Equity and Inclusion through the Arts

#### GOAL OVERVIEW:

The Public Art Plan supports City Council Goal #2: "Expand the City's focus on equity and inclusion to enhance opportunities for community engagement."



Nightingale Dance Troupe performing at the "Pacifying the Dragon" event, December 2016

#### **POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES:**

- 1. Empower and incentivize diverse artists' groups to create their own programming through individual artist grants and multi-use spaces. (Phases 2-3)
- 2. Bring alternative art histories (i.e., non-Western) into the public sphere such as the Asian-inspired community art project, "Feeding the Hungry Ghosts," that reached a diverse audience at Celebrate Shoreline 2016. Include outreach to underrepresented groups, including ethnically diverse music acts. (all phases)
- 3. Provide a focus at City Hall exhibitions on local artists of color. (all phases)
- 4. Advertise calls for art in ethnic-specific media.
- 5. Develop a Youth Arts program in conjunction with the City's Youth and Teen Development Program.

#### **Goal 3: Achieve Greater Financial Sustainability for the Public Art Program**

#### GOAL OVERVIEW:

Council Goal #1 strives to "Strengthen Shoreline's economic base to maintain the public services that the community expects." CIP revenues alone are not enough to build and sustain the robust Public Art program the City has begun. The success of the program will depend upon the implementation of other funding sources with sustainable strategies.

#### POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES: (PHASES 2-3)

Identify and implement alternate or additional funding sources such as:

- 1. Additional tax revenue such as \$1 \$2 per resident tax support through Levy or a portion of a Business and Occupation tax.
- 2. Allocate staff retirement and replacement savings to the Public Art fund.
- 3. PTE (Property Tax Exemption) for businesses that includes a concession for public art improvements such as gallery or other exhibition/artist spaces.
- 4. Expand CIP eligible projects to include projects of a smaller scale.
- 5. Raise the percent for arts from 1% CIP to 2% CIP.
- 6. Increase marijuana tax in the City by .25% to support the arts.
- 7. Institute surcharges such as an admissions surcharge or hotel, motel, or car rental surcharge to benefit the arts.
- 8. Create a mechanism for public / private partnerships (see below).
- 9. Increase General Fund expenditure to more fully fund the Public Art program.
- 10. Add public art as a component to a renewal of the Park Bond.

#### Goal 4: Engage the Community through Public/Private Partnerships

#### GOAL OVERVIEW:

The City Council desires Shoreline to be perceived "...as a progressive and desirable community to new residents, investors, and businesses" (Goal #5). Public/private partnerships provide an efficient and effective way to maximize resources, increase productivity, and support investment in Shoreline.

#### POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES: (PHASES 2-3)

- 1. Continue the City's partnership with the Shoreline Lake Forest Park Arts Council.
- 2. Explore cost-share public art projects such as murals and logo-related sculptural objects with the Shoreline Chamber of Commerce, Rain City Rotary, Aurora Improvement Council, Chinese Vietnamese Buddhist Association, Gasha for Ethiopians, Jain Society of Seattle, and JHP Cultural and Diversity Legacy.
- Collaborate with Shoreline's Economic Development Department to procure space for artists, both privately owned and City-owned; Fund one public art project per year through Economic Development.
- 4. Seek engagement with Business Volunteers for the Arts.
- 5. Create sponsorship programs for exhibitions that target a business sector (example: car-related art at Doug's Cadillac).
- 6. Waive the Transportation Impact Fee for arts-related businesses.
- 7. Facilitate relationships between artists and businesses interested in displaying local artwork.
- 8. Create exhibitions featuring local collectors clubs and collections such as Arcane Comics of Shoreline, Edmonds Doll Hobby Club, and Sno-King Stamp Club.



Goal 5: Integrate Public Art within Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services and the City

## GOAL OVERVIEW:

PRCS Department touches on many aspects of life in Shoreline. Incorporating art into its many programs and facilities provides an opportunity to have people engage with art in unique and meaningful ways. Incorporating art programs into special events and programs and Public Art into the city's parks will expand the reach of the city's Public Art program beyond what is possible if just relying on the Public Art Coordinator.



Permanent Collection "Raven" at 145<sup>th</sup> Street on the Interurban Trail, Tony Angell artist

## **POSSIBLE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES:**

- 1. Evaluate City-owned parcels along Aurora Avenue for possible "pocket-park" locations for permanent or temporary artwork placement.
- 2. Master Plan parks to include Public Art components.
- 3. Turn obsolete caretaker cottages into active artist residency spaces.
- 4. Include walking and driving tours of Public Art in Shoreline and elsewhere as part of recreation programing.
- 5. Use temporary eco-art projects to activate underused parks.

### **CHAPTER 6**

## The Next Six Years

The Public Art Work Plan for the next six years includes specific strategies for goal implementation in three phases. In addition to specific strategies there are numerous activities that will be ongoing across each of the three phases described below. The continuous and central component of the Art Plan included in each phase ensures that the residents and visitors of Shoreline have access to a variety of art experiences. Providing indoor art exhibits, temporary sculptures, interactive art, nature-focused art, and support for neighborhood arts are included in each of the phases. The ideas listed in each phase describe special projects that depend on adequate financial and staff resources.

- Phase 1 (2017-2018) focuses on placemaking through the commissioning of a major art installation and neighborhood art projects that include murals, signal box art, and equity outreach to artists of color
- Phase 2 (2019-2020) commissions a smaller art installation and identifies sustainable funding strategies.
- Phase 3 (2021-2022) works with the PRCS Department to activate permanent community cultural space in a new community/aquatics center.

## Phase 1: 2017 – 2018: Commission a Major New Permanent Commission (national search) & Neighborhood Art.

- Commission a major piece of iconic, distinctive, exciting artwork that would draw people to Shoreline and provide a sense of pride for years to come. Budget: \$100,000 \$150,000. The call would involve a national search.
- Collaborate with the City's Neighborhoods Coordinator to activate Shoreline neighborhoods
  with art such as street furniture painting (either by paid artists or by volunteers), banners, utility
  box wraps, sculpture projects (temporary and/or permanent), and performance art funded by
  neighborhood mini-grants. Part of the neighborhoods emphasis would involve equity outreach.

## Phase 2: 2019 – 2020: Identify sustainable funding strategies and commission a major installation by a local artist.

- Identify and implement alternate or additional funding sources.
- Commission an additional piece of iconic, distinctive, exciting artwork that would draw people
  to Shoreline and provide a sense of pride for years to come. Budget: \$40,000. The call would
  involve a national search but focus on the region. Budget would be dependent on grants and
  philanthropy.

# Phase 3: 2021- 2022: Activate permanent community cultural space in a new community/aquatics center.

- Plan for art space in a new community center (aquatics, recreation, arts & culture). A major focus would be on outreach to artists of color.
- Create a portable works collection (focuses on unique element and avoid duplication with Arts Council collection. Example: Shoreline print collection; Shoreline video art program with flat panel monitors on pedestals for loaning).
- Integrate art into Street Corridor Improvement Projects along 145<sup>th</sup>, 175<sup>th</sup>, and 185<sup>th</sup> Streets.

## Ongoing Programs: 2017- 2022:

- Production of an Art Guide / Brochure
- Temporary Sculpture Program (*Artscape* at Town Center Park): pursue new art infrastructure for larger sculptures with electrical power.
- Neighborhood Arts (includes a variety of murals and signal box art as well as equity arts outreach) / Community involvement program (*Piano Time*) (every other year; a Biennale)
- Establish a Shoreline Arts Symposium 1x/year in partnership with the Arts Council and local arts groups.
- Provide City Staff presence and art expertise as a liaison to Sound Transit subarea planning efforts.
- Nature Art Program (*Groundswell*; temporary work in urban forest parks)
- Indoor Exhibitions at City Hall (includes equity arts component)
- Institute a PRCS Teen Program Youth Arts Exhibition
- Maintain and repair the outdoor art collection
- Work with 4culture to maintain its artworks in Shoreline's collection, some of which are in need
  of maintenance or are tagged (Welcoming Figure, Steve Brown, Andy Wilbur, Joe Gobin;
  Gnomon, Richard Goss; The Kiss, Michael Sweeney, among others).



## **APPENDIX A: The Collection**

An interactive map illustrating locations of each piece of art in the City's collection, as well as artwork in public places but owned by others, can be seen on the City's website at shorelinewa.gov/art.

## **Public Art Assets**

As of August 2015 the City of Shoreline Public Art Collection includes 25 artworks, funded by the Public Art Fund unless otherwise noted:



Reflex Solaris, Laura Haddad and Tom Drugan, artists concrete, steel, and sun Richmond Beach Saltwater Park 2021 NW 190th St.

City of Shoreline 1% for Art Program 2009



Contemplating the Arc Stuart Nakamura, artist

concrete, stone, and steel
Echo Lake Park on Ashworth Ave
N/Interurban Trail at N 199th St.



Parade Route,

Chris Bennett, artist cast bronze
North City neighborhood on 15th Ave NE at

NE177th St, NE corner City of Shoreline 1% for Art Program 2007



<u>Dew Beads</u>, Kristin Tollefson, artist colored concrete with aggregate, concrete, glass and stones
Hamlin Park 16006 – 15th Ave NE
City of Shoreline 1% for Art Program 2010



Ridgecrest Banners, Adam Yaw, artist digital printed fabric
Multiple locations on 5th Ave. between
150th and 165th, and at Ridgecrest School parking lot on 10th Ave NE just north of
165th St.

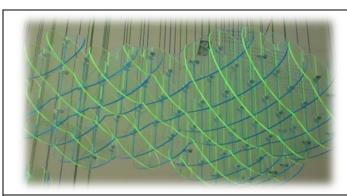
City of Shoreline Neighborhood Mini-Grant 2008



Ponies, artist unknown cast bronze
Ronald Bog Park 2301 N 175th St.
Anonymous Donation 1998



<u>Limelight</u>, Linda Beaumont, artist paint on aluminum
Shoreline City Hall 17500 Midvale Ave N



<u>Cloud Bank</u>, Leo Saul Berk, artist acrylic and vinyl coated steel Shoreline City Hall lobby 17500 Midvale Ave N

OPUS Northwest LLC design-build 1% construction funds 2009.



Totem Pole, Dudley Carter, artist carved wood and paint
Shoreline City Hall lobby 17500 Midvale Ave N
Anonymous Donation 1998



<u>Aurora Banners</u>, Amanda Drewniak, Susan Lally-Chiu,

72 poles on Aurora Ave between N145th St & N 205th St

City of Shoreline 1% for Art Program 2016



<u>Interurban Trail Bridges</u>, Vicki Scuri, artist concrete, steel, glass, light and greening 155th Ave N at Aurora Ave N and Aurora Ave N at 160th

City of Shoreline 1% for Art Program 2007



Emissary Raven, Tony Angell, artist cast bronze
Interurban Trailhead, N 145th St & Linden

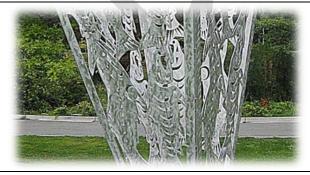
Donation by Rotary of Shoreline, Shoreline Rotary Foundation and individual Rotary members 2005



Raintree, Kristin Tollefson, artist aluminum, glass & concrete
Photo by Kristin Tollefson
Cromwell Park, 18030 Meridian Ave N
City of Shoreline 1% for Art Program 2010



Traveling Traditions on the Salish, David
Franklin, artist
steel, stone and paint.
Photo by David Franklin
Kayu Kayu Ac Park, 19911 Richmond Beach
Drive NW



<u>Salmon Hunt</u>, James Madison, artist *aluminum* 

Kayu Kayu Ac Park, 19911 Richmond Beach Drive NW

King County Brightwater Mitigation Program and the City of Shoreline 2010





<u>Echo in Time</u>, Andy Eccleshall, The Mural Works

Acrylic paint and sealant on concrete
1st Avenue NE and NE 205th St.
City of Shoreline Neighborhood Mini-grant and 1% for Public Art Program 2013



Wood Wave, Bruce Johnson, artist redwood and copper

Kruckeberg Botanic Garden, 20312 15th Ave NE

Donation to the City by Dr. Bruce and JoAnn Amundson 2013



The Skater, Kevin Au, artist Painted Steel

Kruckeberg Botanic Garden, 20312 15th Ave NE

City of Shoreline Purchase, 1% for Public Art Program 2014



Redwood Lantern, Bruce Johnson, artist Redwood, copper, stained glass Shoreline City Hall courtyard 17500 Midvale Ave N

Donation to the City by Dr. Bruce and JoAnn Amundson & an anonymous donor 2014



Sunset, Bruce & Shannon Andersen, artists
Stainless & cor-ten steel
Sunset School Park entryway, 17800 10th
Ave NW
Funded by a City of Shoreline Neighborhood
Mini-grant, The Friends of
Sunset Park & the Richmond Highlands
Neighborhood Association 2014



<u>S. Cargo</u>, Karien Balluff, artist *Styrofoam, glass, grout* 1% for Art Program, 2014-2015 People's Choice Award.

Art in Shoreline's Public Places
Owned by Other Entities

## Neighborhoods:



Salmon, Victoria Gilleland, artist, and students mixed media on fiberglass
Einstein Middle School 19343 – 3rd Ave NW
Shoreline-LFP Arts Council Artist in Residence
Program



Edwin Pratt Memorial, Stuart Nakamura, Marguarita Hagan and Marsha Lippert, artists mixed media three part installation: stepping stones, plaque and kiosk murals Shoreline Center Soccer Fields 1st Ave NE at 188th Shoreline-LFP Arts Council Artist in Residence Program 1996, 1998, 2000





<u>The Sea Beside Us.</u>, Deborah Mersky, artist *laser-cut steel panels* Shoreline Library 345 NE 175th King County Library System 2007



Tailwind by Troy Pillow, artist kinetic artwork
Richmond Beach Library
(paid for by the Friends of the Richmond
Beach Library)

19601 21st Avenue NW King County Library System 2014

## **Shoreline Fire District:**



<u>Shoreline Fire Dept. Training Center, window</u> and interior pieces,

Stuart Nakamura, artist
Etched glass window painted wood reception
desk treatment - Hand-cut aluminum skylight
17525 Aurora Ave N
Shoreline Fire Department Collection 2002

## King County Public Art Collection, managed by 4Culture:



Welcoming Figure, Steve Brown, Andy Wilbur, Joe Gobin, artists cast bronze
Richmond Beach Saltwater Park
2021 NW 190th St
King County Public Art Collection, managed by
4Culture 1998

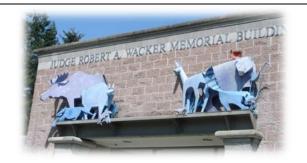


Raven and Pheasant: Reflections of Echo Lake
by Stuart Nakamura, artist
steel and paint: bus shelters, railings and
structure exterior works
Aurora Village Transit Center
N 200th at Ashworth Ave N
King County Public Art Collection, managed by
4Culture 2002



Gnomon, Richard Goss, artist cast bronze.

Shoreline Pool, 19030 1st Ave NE
King County Public Art Collection, managed by
4Culture 1976



The Jury, Lynn DiNino, artist painted aluminum
King County Court House18050 Meridian Ave
N (Shoreline District Court)
King County Public Art Collection, managed by
4Culture 1992



The Kiss, Michael Sweeney, artist cor-ten steel
2301 NE 175th St, Ronald Bog Park,
King County Public Art Collection, managed by
4Culture 1978



Re-Tire, Carolyn dePelecyn, artist re-cycled tires and Dale Stammen, sound



Cheetah, Lynn Turnblom, artist with Meridian Park Elementary students paint on wood panels
Bus shelters: Ballinger Way NE just east of 15th Ave NE /Shoreline-LFP Arts Council Artist in Residence Program
King County Public Art Collection, managed by

Not Pictured:

City Hall Diversity Quilt by Marita Dingus

Parkwood Elementary School 1815 N 155th St, Mauricio Robalino, artist & students 1992 paint on wood

4Culture 2001

## **APPENDIX B: The 2016 Assessment**

The 2016 inventory of the collection that ArtSite performed for the City as part of the PROS Plan asset inventory created a priority scale of 1-5, with 5 representing artworks of low priority (that is, work in stable condition) and 1 signifying high priority work (in need of attention for various reasons). ArtSite inventoried 43 artworks, of which 24 are owned by the City (these appear in bold titles in the chart below). In 2014 – 2015, Karien Balluff's *S. Cargo* was purchased by the City and brings the collection to 25 pieces. It should also be noted that the banners along Aurora Avenue, which ArtSite indicated was a top priority due to wear and tear (reaching the end of their 5-year lifespan) are scheduled to be replaced by new work by Susan Lally-Chiu and Amanda Drewniak, in late 2016 / early 2017.

Artist. Last/first	Title	Medium	Park	Address	Priority Level	Notes
Adkison, Drex	Water, Light and Shade	Bronze fountain	Shoreline CC	16001 Greenwood Ave N	1	Nice work of art and should be prioritized.
Amoateng, Jessica	Aurora Banners (32)	Silk screen print on fabric	Aurora Ave	N 145th St - N 165th St	5	de- accession or replace
Anderson, Bruce and Shannon	Sunset	Stainless and corten steel	Sunset School Park entryway	17800 10th Ave NW	5	
Angell, Tony	Emissary Raven	Cast bronze	Interurban Trail Head	N 145th St and Linden Ave N	4	
Au, Kevin	The Skater	Painted steel			3	
Beaumont, Linda	Limelight	Paint on aluminum	Shoreline City Hall	17500 Midvale Ave N	1	Faded.
Bennet, Chris	Parade Route	Cast bronze	North City Neighborhood	15th Ave NE at NE 177th St	4	
Berk, Leo Saul	Cloud Bank	Acrylic and vinyl coated steel	Shoreline City Hall lobby	17500 Midvale Ave N	3	
Brown, Steve; Wilbur, Andy;	Welcoming Figure	Cast bronze	Richmond Beach Saltwater Park	2021 NW 190th	1	Nice work of art and should be prioritized.

Gobin, Joe						
Carter, Dudley	Totem Pole	Carved red cedar wood, paint	Shoreline City Hall lobby	17500 Midvale Ave N	3	
dePelecyn, Carolyn	Re-Tire	Recycled tires	Shoreline Transfer Station	2300 N 165th St	5	
dePelecyn, Carolyn	Terra Firma	photograph	Shoreline Transfer Station	2300 N 165th St	5	
DiNino, Lynn	The Jury	Painted aluminum	King County Court House	18050 Meridian Ave N	1	Repaint.
Eccleshall, Andy	Echo in Time	Acrylic paint and sealant on concrete	Interurban Trail in 1/4 mile incriments	1st Ave NE and Ne 205th St	5	
Franklin, David	Traveling Traditions on the Salish	Steel, stone and paint	Kayu Kayu Ac Park	19911 Richmond Beach Drive NW	5	
Fruge- Brown, Kathleen	Liveable City Banners (45)	Digital printed fabric	Aurora Ave	175th - 185th	1	Needs to be removed.
Gilleland, Victoria	Salmon	Mixed media on fiberglass	Einstein Middle School	19343 3rd Ave NW	1	Repair needed.
Goss, Richard	Gnomon	Cast bronze	Shoreline Pool	19030 1st Ave NE	1	
Haddad- Drugan, Laura and Tom	Reflex Solaris	Concrete, steel and sun	Richmond Beach Saltwater Park	2021 NW 190th	3	
Johnson, Bruce	Wood Wave	Redwood and copper	Kruckeberg Botanic Garden	20312 15th Ave NE	5	
Johnson, Bruce	Redwood Lantern	Redwood, copper, stained glass	Shoreline City Hall courtyard	17500 Midvale Ave N	4	
Madison, James	Salmon Hunt	Aluminum	Kayu Kayu Ac Park	19911 Richmond	5	

				Beach Drive NW		
Mandeberg, Jean	Back and Forth	aluminum	WA State Public Health Lab	1610 N 155th St	4	
Mersky, Deborah	The Sea Beside Us	Laser cut panels	KCLS/Shoreline	345 NE 175th St	5	
Mersky, Deborah	Out of Nature	Bronze wall mural	Shoreline CC	16001 Greenwood Ave N	3	
Nakamura, Stuart	Contemplating the Arc	Concrete, stone and steel	Echo Lake Park	Ashworth Ave N/Interurban Trail at N 199th.	5	
Nakamura, Stuart	Edwin Pratt Memorial	Mixed media on fiberglass	Shoreline Center Soccer Fields	1st Ave NE at 188th	1	Needs to be removed.
Nakamura, Stuart	Raven and Pheasant: Reflections of Echo Lake	Steel and paint	Aurora Village Transit Center	N. 200th at Ashworth Ave N	1	
Nakamura, Stuart	Untitled	Handcut aluminum skylight	Shoreline Fire Dept	17525 Aurora Ave N	1	improperly installed. Needs to be leveled.
Namm, Barry	Stoneman Family	Stone	KCLS/Richmond Beach	19601 21st Ave NW	5	
Paquette, Virginia	Twirl Spin Jump	Painted steel	Spartan Recreation Center	202 NE 185th St	5	
Richardson, Sandra	Woman Sitting	Cut steel	KCLS/Richmond Beach	19601 21st Ave NW	2	
Robalino, Mauricio	Mural	Paint on wood	Parkwood Elementary School	1815 N 155th St	5	
Scuri, Vicki	Interurban Trial Bridges	Concrete, steel, glass, light and greening		155th Ave N and Aurora Ave N at 160th	4	

Sollod, Ellen	Portrait of Shoreline in a Time and Space	Stainless steel and fused glass sidewalk inlays	Aurora Ave	175th - 185th	5	only found 1
Sweeney, Michael	The Kiss	Corten steel	Ronald Bog Park	2301 NE 175th St	2	Graffiti tag.
Tollefson, Kristin	Dew Beads	Colored concrete with aggregate, concrete, glass and stones	Hamlin Park	16006 15th Ave NE	2	Dirty. Needs to be cleaned.
Tollefson, Kristin	Raintree	Aluminum, glass & concrete	Cromwell Park	18030 Meridian Ave N	4	
Turnblom, Lynn	Cheetah	Paint on wood panels	Bus shelters	Ballinger Way NE, just east of 15th Ave NE	not located	
Unearth collective	Lantern Man Mile Markers	Steel and paint	Spartan Recreation Center	202 NE 185th St	5	
Unknown	Ponies	Cast bronze	Ronald Bog Park	2301 N 175th St	4	Needs signage to not use as a billboard with adhesive tape.
Yaw, Adam	Ridgecrest Banners	Digital printed fabric	Ridgecrest School	10th Ave NE just north of 165th St	5	

## Strengths of Collection; Areas to Improve

Shoreline's Collection exists in part due to its commitment to the arts and its 1% funding program. It includes works of large scale and small, amounting to about half of the work that is accessible to the public (other entities own the other 50% and while technically part of the collection, these works are not discussed below). Since monetary value is important in

establishing relative worth and investment (see the stated \$5 million value of Shoreline's trees in the 2014 Urban Forestry Plan, for example), it should be clarified that the city's 25 artworks are worth a rough estimate of about \$2.5 million, although it will require professional assessment to confirm or revise that figure. (Estimated contract for assessing value of the collection is \$20,000.)

Overall diversity of style and media are a strength of the collection, as well as a solid representation of regionally and nationally recognized artists like Leo Berk, Dudley Carter, Tony Angell, Ellen Sollod, Vicki Scurri, Haddad—Drugan (team), David Franklin, Stuart Nakamura, and Kristin Tollefson. Despite some nods toward Coast Salish art in the work of Euro-American artists (Dudley Carter, David Franklin) Coast Salish artwork is in general underrepresented, although Andy Wilbur, one of the carvers for *Welcoming Figure* at Saltwater Park (managed by 4Culture), identifies as Skokomish. .Broadly speaking, the work is often figurative and representational (with notable exceptions in more abstract work by Vicki Scuri, Haddad-Drugan; Ellen Sollod; Bruce and Shannon Anderson; and Virginia Paquette). Kinetic work, or work that incorporates LED lighting technology and/or solar-power, is also noticeably absent in a city that prides itself on its green, low-carbon footprint. Light, sound, and space are less typical forms of permanent public art and projects that explore alternatives to large 'plop art' objects would help distinguish the city and present a level of sophistication that many associate with Edmonds or Seattle.

Shoreline's strong interest in local history (Shoreline Historical Museum) also offers an excellent resource for history-based projects that bring the past to life in the present. Northwest Art is nationally recognized for an attention to traditionally craft-based materials that are recontextualized as fine art, especially glass (Pilchuck Glass School, one of the leading glass centers in the world, is only 40 miles north of Shoreline) but also wood and ceramics. Artistic practice in the Northwest is frequently process-based, with an interest in research, science-asart, and themes of nature (Northwest Mystics).

The City has the potential to create an equally important collection of portable work for display in city-owned properties. The Arts Council has a portable works collection that was expanded in the 1990s and is a resource designed to offer the City a collection of indoor art.

It is recommended that the City create a Portable Works Collection for City Hall as well as other city owned properties, possibly with a special focus to help differentiate its indoor collection from the Arts Council's collection as well as other cities'. For instance, this could be a unique collection of works on paper, prints; or a video art collection that would loan out flat panel monitors. Current visitation of rotating exhibitions in City Hall is about 10 per week with up to 100 Shorewood High School students every three months in the spring.

### **Future locations**

During the early phase of 1% expenditures, a lot of energy was devoted to studying the Town Center Park between Midvale Ave and Aurora Ave (north of 175<sup>th</sup>, south of 182<sup>nd</sup>), including original architectural drawings of landscaping and a major artists-commissioned water feature. Development has lagged however, and today the space is a basically a transportation corridor awaiting further land ownership changes.

Light rail stations at 145<sup>th</sup> and 185<sup>th</sup> (2018) will both have significant public art installations (Buster Simpson and Mary Lucking); the Shoreline Center is owned by Shoreline Schools and will likely be developed by them as thousands of residents move in to take advantage of the light rail service and livability associated with it.

Revisions to the Public Art Policy in 2013 also began to dilute the earlier interpretation of the 2002 1% Policy as requiring major commissions to be placed within the immediate locale of the project. For perhaps a decade, it was assumed that 1% funds would be directed at the immediate vicinity for the projects that initiated them. However, this creates an unequal distribution of public art dollars across the city, leaving farther-flung neighborhoods without the benefit of public art projects.

The city's marine frontage is a tempting location for public art, although the environmental requirements for placement in the intertidal zone may be daunting. Even so, a tidally-powered artwork would be unique in the region and would help give Shoreline and international reputation for bold and exciting 21<sup>st</sup> century public art. As an aid for future planning, the Public Art Archive maintained by the Western States Art Federation provides an excellent resource: <a href="http://www.publicartarchive.org/">http://www.publicartarchive.org/</a>.

### **APPENDIX C: Public Involvement Process**

## April 30th Stakeholders' Meeting

At this early meeting, about 15 participants emphasized three broad areas of concern for public art: Understanding the scope of cultural services in a broad sense; the need for a space or multi-use cultural center; and the precarious nature of a funding mechanism overly reliant on a sporadic CIP supported Art Fund. A representative from the Aurora Theater Company presented a specific proposal for an outdoor theater venue at Shoreview Park.

## PROS Plan Meetings and Survey, April – June 2016

In these meetings, the public was asked to reflect on challenges to public art, as well as what public art meant to them as residents — among a host of other questions focusing on parks and recreation. A PROS Plan online survey gathered results from April through the end of June and included several questions specific to public art. While only about 2% of respondents mentioned viewing public art or attending and outdoor performance, almost half (45%) participated in recreation/cultural programs, a more broadly defined range of activity that nevertheless includes cultural services in terms of special events and musical performances. 16% had taken art classes or been to an event or festival.

Interestingly, 40% had attended a civic event, festival, parade, or presentation in Shoreline (Question 10). While only 15% had visited art museums, galleries, exhibits or festivals in Shoreline, 42% had visited these cultural venues outside of the city (ibid.). The comparison between what is available in the city and what is available on a larger scale beyond its boundaries implicitly points to larger patterns and areas for the Art Plan to address, particularly the fact that most respondents attended arts exhibitions outside the city, and may not be aware that a civic event represents a certain level of cultural service. As a reflection of advocacy, 30% said they belonged to or supported an arts organization, with about 10% in Shoreline and 20% outside. A generally similar breakdown (8%, 19%) reflected answers to the question of whether respondents had "watched artists make art or rehearse performances." Overall, many respondents seek arts and culture programming beyond the city, a trend we would like to see shift so that more people can take advantage of local resources.

Arts and culture events (30%, n=170) were almost equally valued as "integrating artwork in parks and public spaces" (28%; 158) in response to a question about weighing the relative importance of various aspects of art in public spaces (question #13). Almost 70% of respondents (67%) replied that they would "really like" (36%, 144) or "consider" permanent art works, while nearly 60% (57%) replied that "temporarily [sic] elements" (i.e., temporary artwork) would be worthwhile, with 23% (90) ranking it as something they would "really like" and 34% deeming temporary art worthy of consideration (question #s 22, 23). An outdoor performance space produced the highest values of all at a combined 70% (33% 'really likes' and 37% 'consider').

It's worth remarking that *events* are of particular interest to Shoreline residents and may have greater visibility as cultural service in action, whereas art exhibition openings, for example, are much less familiar (not to mention far less visible in terms of publicity). In other words, "events" (rather than exhibitions, workshops, museums, or as static sculptures in parks) are likely where most residents self-realize that they are experiencing arts and cultural services.

#### **Public Art Forums**

Just as the previous six-year plan included two 'creative conversations,' the current plan held two public art forums to helped shape ideas and priorities. The first, held on May 10, attended by about 15 people, laid the groundwork for the subsequent forum on September 29 by generating ideas to respond to the April 30 meeting 'findings,' that primary challenges clustered in three categories: 1) the scope of cultural services in a broad sense; 2) the need for a space or multi-use cultural center; and 3) the precarious nature of a funding mechanism overly reliant on a sporadic CIP supported Art Fund. The May 10 Art Forum established three critical areas to develop: community-based, neighborhood programming; public-private partnerships; and opportunities for individual artists.



May 10 Public Art Forum

## Public Art Forum 1, May 10

The first forum was primarily a visioning session to gauge interests in stakeholders, art patrons, artists, and the general public.

Participants had the choice of joining one of three breakout groups with the following results:

### 1. Community-based Arts

- Easy access to small grant funds (\$100+, 1-page online app.)
- Maker space
- Workshops, classes for artists / adults (wood carving, pottery, short video & film, etc.)
- Artists networking opportunities
- Blueprint for neighborhood arts activation
- Shoreline artist studio tour
- Pop up events, performances, exhibitions
- City art event / neighbors making art together / trade bazaar

## 2. Permanent Commissions / Public + Private Partnerships

- Partnership grants
- Leverage existing public assets (parks, infrastructure)
- Continue expanding permanent art along Aurora corridor
- Promote city industries (media, solar, film)
- Create private investment opportunities (naming rights, logo placement, expanding customer base)
- Energize new 501c3s and non-profits
- Expand public investment

#### 3. Artists

- Studio space / gallery space / exhibitions / arts hub
- Art walks / night market
- Maker space with STEAM curriculum
- Awareness, newsletter
- Affordable housing
- Networking / finding other artists
- Grant workshops, prof. development seminars from city

Much of the input spoke to the great strides Shoreline has made with its public art program since incorporation. The public seems pleased with the quality and diversity of the collection. However, there was a strong desire for more public art as well as more opportunities for performances and participation in all the arts, creating general arts vibrancy in Shoreline.

Based on public input, areas that can be strengthened include venues for visual art exhibitions and small performances, venues for artists to create art and for public participation in creating art, opportunities for artist to gather for conversations, additions to the public art program both in terms of funding sources and the locations/neighborhoods served by public art installations. Neighborhoods currently underserved by public art include Hillwood, Ballinger, Innis Arden, and

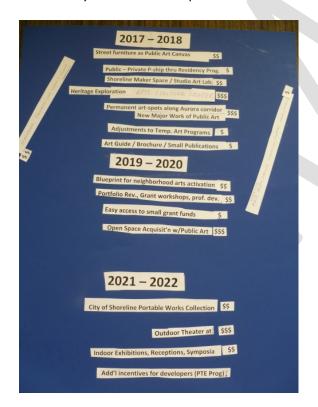
North City. There was strong support for an "arts-filled" city with an initial focus in the Town Center area with both temporary and permanent work.

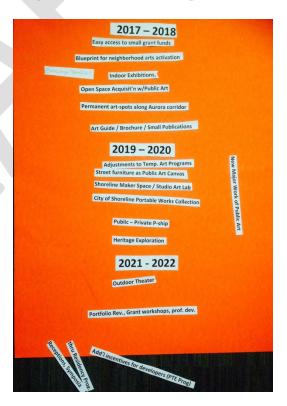


July 13 PROS Intercept



September 29 Public Art Forum





Posters from September 29 Art Forum

## Public Art Forum 2, September 29

Five teams (4-5 people each) of local arts and culture advocates and stakeholders (including 12 local artists, almost half of the audience) were asked to prioritize a complex group of 16 program descriptions developed from the earlier May 10 Art Forum. Program descriptions varied from smaller scale (neighborhood art, street furniture, brochure, temporary art, indoor exhibitions); to programs for artists (small grants, studio space, theater space, professional development); to administrative / curatorial (arts diversity or heritage exploration, public-private partnerships, Open Space acquisition; Developer incentives add-ons to Property Tax Exemption program); and larger scale (major artwork commission, permanent art along Aurora). New ideas continued to be generated, as artists introduced the storefronts model, a maker space, and partnerships with businesses wanting local artwork, a donation system, and a citywide arts organization yearly symposium.

By placing the many programs into three slots of early (2017-2018), middle (2018-2019), and late (2020-2022), participants also began to formulate an integrated plan where smaller, perhaps more affordable programs are quickly implemented, followed by perhaps more expensive, time consuming projects that require longer periods of time to foster. Figure 7 below represents one of the sequenced lists of programs that participants worked to paste down on poster boards. A passion vote could be placed to one side where consensus had been difficult; groups could also invent their own programs. Important as the results of the two forums and the public feedback is, we should keep in mind that the desired outcome is not necessarily to prioritize programs that happened to get the most votes by consensus (who showed up that night) but to take this into context along with goals from others who could not attend but sent comments, or did not attend because they lacked cultural access for a variety of reasons. Participants also had the option of submitting hard copies of their rankings of programs; (the City received 14 of these completed forms and the analysis is also based on this data.

A basic pattern of placing almost half of the total programs in the first few years, and comparatively few in the final stage, also emerged. Participants trended toward the following five programs as immediate priorities to begin work on in 2017-2018:

- Neighborhoods Arts activation
- Open Space Acquisition with a public art component
- Art Guide / Brochure to Public Art Program
- Small grants for Shoreline artists, musicians, performers
- Permanent art along Aurora Avenue

Almost making the list but not quite as popular as these first five, arts diversity or heritage exploration received a substantial amount of interest, reflecting a similar goal as expressed in the city's Vision 2029 Statement.

The pattern of prioritizing second-phase programs (2019-2020) was more diffuse, without the clear clustering that defined phase 1. Three programs emerged as consensus phase 2 priorities, with the category of "space" lumping together four other programs:

- Street-furniture program (utility boxes; fire hydrants; bike racks, etc.)
- Business development for artists (portfolio review, artist statement, public art)
- Space (Maker-space; cultural space; indoor exhibitions; outdoor theater)

Rankings were similarly disparate for the third phase (2021-2022), with clusters in the following program choices:

- Adjustments to temporary art
- Portable works collection

Overall, it is instructive that what we do NOT see as a clear consensus priority is a major commission, although groups had a preference for a series of permanent work along Aurora Avenue. (The distinction between a single major piece and a series of smaller permanent pieces, their placements, and frequency over time, and other details would likely be worked out by the Park Boar Art Subcommittee). As previously noted, consensus is useful in determining broad areas of agreement, but does not capture the complete dynamics of informed choice. While the Park Board Art Committee voted on September 15 to make a major permanent artwork commission a priority, the overall reflection from Art Forum 2 is less enthusiastic about spending a large portion of the Art Fund on a single object. Perhaps even more evident is the general agreement that neighborhood and community-based arts, including small grants for artists, remain paramount in the minds of participants. Temporary art projects, which supporting documents explained as popular programs like Piano Time, were not as important to the participants despite robust feedback from the community at large that these programs are valued and enjoyed.

## 'Pop-up' Surveys at Public Art Events (January 30, July 30)

These informal surveys at city-sponsored public arts events (opening receptions and a poetry reading / performance) similarly asked participants to respond to a series of prompts on a hand out with rankings. Goals for these surveys addressed convenience of scheduled events; gauged interest level in panels and asked for feedback on the quality of exhibitions. Responses were overall very positive, encouraging of similar group exhibitions with Thursday night receptions configured as short panels.

Attendance for the "Mid-Summer Arts Eve" poetry reading by Shin Yu Pai, estimated at 30, also resulted in 11 hard copy responses to a query about ranking seven different programs, from permanent art to temporary, grants, literary readings, indoor exhibitions, performances, and murals. Interestingly, participants had learned of the event from half a dozen sources, from word of mouth to city e-news, city website, Shoreline Public Art Facebook, Shoreline Living Facebook, and Shoreline Area News. Among the replies, literary art, performances, indoor exhibitions, and grants for artists were preferred over Temporary art and permanent art, perhaps reflecting the focus of the event itself on poetry and exhibitions.

## **APPENDIX D: Comparative Municipal Public Art Funds**

	EXEMPTED Public infrastructure improvements (street right-of-way, storm, water, sewer projects)	N/A	Decorative structures, streets, sidewalks, parking facilities		Streets, sidewalks, pkg. facilities, utilities	N/A	Motorized transportation, utilities, land acquistion, projects w/only planning dollars, and those where 100% of all funding sources prohibits public art as eligible expense.
	QUALIFYING CAPITAL PROJECTS New buildings	No % formula	Construction or renovation Buildings Parks Transit centers		Construction or substantial renovation ("substantial" means in excess of \$25,000)  Buildings  Decorative/commemorative structures Parks	No % formula	CIP projects budgeted at \$500,000 ore more
Comparative Municipal Public Art Funds	FUNDING SYSTEM 1% of project construction budget and Straight allocation from CIP Fixed annual am 't: \$30K	Straight allocation from CIP Fixed annual am't: \$350K	1% of project construction	No program.	2% of project construction	\$2 per budget year for each city resident	1% of project construction
Comparative M	CITY	Bellevue	Burien	Des Moines	Federal Way	Kent	Kirkland

	Streets, sidewalks, pkg facilitie <u>s,</u> utilities.	Water and sewer utility projects	Streets, sidewalks, pkg facilities	
Construction or substantial renovation Buildings Structures Park Trail Street Sidewalk Parking facility	CIP projects budgeted at \$100,000 or more Construction or remodel Buildings Decorative/commemorative structures Parks	Construction or renovation Buildings Bucorative/commemorative structures Parks Streets Sidewalks Parking facility	Large park construction projects	Construction Buildings Decorative/commemorative structures Parks Streets Sidewalks Parking facility Renovation Where cost exceeds 50% existing value of structure
.25 per each budget year for each city resident and up to 1% of project construction	1%	1%	No ordinance, but practice of setting aside 1% and/or using general fund money	1%
Maple Valley	Redmond	Renton	Meatac Seatac	Shoreline

Construction, renovation, or increased capacity Seattle City Light & Public Utilities Dept of Administrative Services Seattle Center Seattle Parks and Recreation Dept of Transporation	"Pretty much all capital construction"	New buildings
1%	1%	0.50%
Seattle	4 Culture (King County)	ArtsWA (State of Wash)

