

Chapter 28 VIENNA PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

Sec. 28-1. Purpose.

There is hereby created and established a commission to be known as the Vienna Public Art Commission, which shall advise and assist Town Council on matters relating to the advancement of public art in the Town, including the development and funding of a public art program. For the purposes of this section, public art is defined as art in any media that has been planned and executed with the intention of being staged on Town property, the public right-of-way or as part of common areas in developments subject to architectural review.

(Ord. of 3-16-2015(1))

Sec. 28-2. Membership, appointment, numbers, qualification, terms, removal.

The commission shall consist of seven members, all of whom shall be appointed by the Town Council. In addition, Town representative(s) from parks and recreation department and/or planning and zoning department shall serve as an ex-officio member(s) of the commission. Except for the Town Representative(s), all appointees shall be either residents of the Town or representatives of businesses or professions located in and licensed by the Town. In making all appointments to the commission, the Town Council shall give consideration to persons who have evidenced an interest, expertise or appreciation for the arts.

- A. Up to two members shall be selected from among businesses and professional practitioners licensed by the Town.
- B. At least two members shall residents of the Town.
- C. One member shall be selected from the Vienna Arts Society.
- D. One member shall be selected from the board of architectural review.
- E. One member shall be selected from the community enhancement commission.

The term of all members shall be for two years. Initially, four members of the board shall be appointed for a term of one year and three members shall be appointed for a term of two years. Thereafter, all appointments to the commission, except for those to fill an unexpired term, shall be for a period of two years. All members shall serve without compensation. Vacancies occurring on the commission for reasons other than the expiration of terms shall be filled by the Town Council for the remainder of the unexpired term. Members shall be eligible for reappointment. Members may be removed from the commission by a majority vote of the Town Council.

(Ord. of 3-16-2015(1))

Sec. 28-3. Organization, rules, meetings, records.

- A. The commission shall, at a meeting to be held each year in the month of July, elect from their number a chair and a vice chair to serve for the ensuing year. The commission may create and fill from among its members such other offices as it may determine to be necessary.
- B. The commission shall adopt rules for the transaction of business, provided that such shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Code.

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- C. The commission shall keep records of its discussions, findings and recommendations, to be filed with the Town Clerk.
 - D. The commission shall hold regular and such special meetings as it deems necessary, or as called by the chair or at the request of a majority of the commission. A quorum shall consist of at least four members of the commission, and all decisions of the commission shall be by majority vote of those present at a meeting. Such meetings shall be open to the public, following Open Meeting Law of Virginia.

(Ord. of 3-16-2015(1))

Sec. 28-4. Same—Powers and duties.

The Vienna Public Art Commission powers and duties shall include:

- A. Recommending the establishment of the criteria for public art in the Town as well as the process and procedures for commission art to the council.
- B. Participating in fund raising for public art in Vienna and awareness and promotion of Vienna Public Art Commission's purpose.
- C. Making recommendations to the Town Council in determining what funds should be provided in the Town's budget for promotion of public art and for the work of the commission.
- D. Advising the Town Council regarding the appropriateness, feasibility, quality, condition, sustainability and value of all proposed gifts or bequests of public art to the Town or within the development process per established criteria of the Vienna Public Art Commission.
- E. Advising the Town Council on the design, location, preservation, care and decommissioning of public art owned by the Town.
- F. Recommend ways to enhance community culture through public art by collaborating resources of arts councils, organizations and societies, including activities, education and accommodations.
- G. Solicit and incorporate recommendations from arts councils, organizations and societies, when advising or making recommendations to the Town Council.
- H. Identifying grants and other funding sources to further projects and activities related to public art.
- I. Not later than August 15 of each year, the chair of the commission shall submit to the Town Council a report of activities accomplished the past fiscal year, including an annual review of all public art installations.
- J. Not later than January 15 of each year, the chair of the commission shall submit to the Town Council a specific plan of activities and budget for the upcoming fiscal year.

(Ord. of 3-16-2015(1))