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MEMORANDUM

To: Planning Commission Ordinance Committee

From: Mary O'Neil, AICP, Principal Planner

Date: March 3, 2022

RE: Public Art

Staff has recently received a communication from a city resident/DAB member with concerns about installed and proposed art installations around the City. His email came on the heels of a Burlington Free Press article announcing finalists for a downtown mural. The issue highlighted the absence of language relative to Public Art within the ordinance since the adoption of the Form Code.

Previously in the Comprehensive Development Ordinance, there existed bonus provisions that included Public Art; providing guidance on review, funding, placement and maintenance of any public art. With the adoption of Article 14 (Form Code), any language reference or regulations regarding Public Art are gone.

The Planning Commission Ordinance Committee is invited to consider the submission of Mr. Jay White, the existing absence of regulations within the Comprehensive Development Ordinance, and potential formulation of review standards for the installation of Public Art.

The language that previously addressed Public Art has been included for consideration, with the opportunity to utilize similar process and standards if deemed appropriate.