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SCULPTURE GARDEN PROGRAM OPTIONS

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BACKGROUND

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- Program began in 2009
- Relied on nearby cities participating in similar programs with same parameters
- Went out of favor, few valid submissions
- Program reworked several times with little success
- Program paused in 2021 to develop new approach



OPTION 1

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Traditional Sculpture Garden

- Staff to identify and prepare locations
- Create loose parameters for artwork
- Artists to obtain all necessary permits, engineering stamp etc.
- Artwork is on loan for 2 – 3 years
- Install artwork 6 – 12 months after selection
- 12 – 24 months to develop program, select candidates, and install round 1

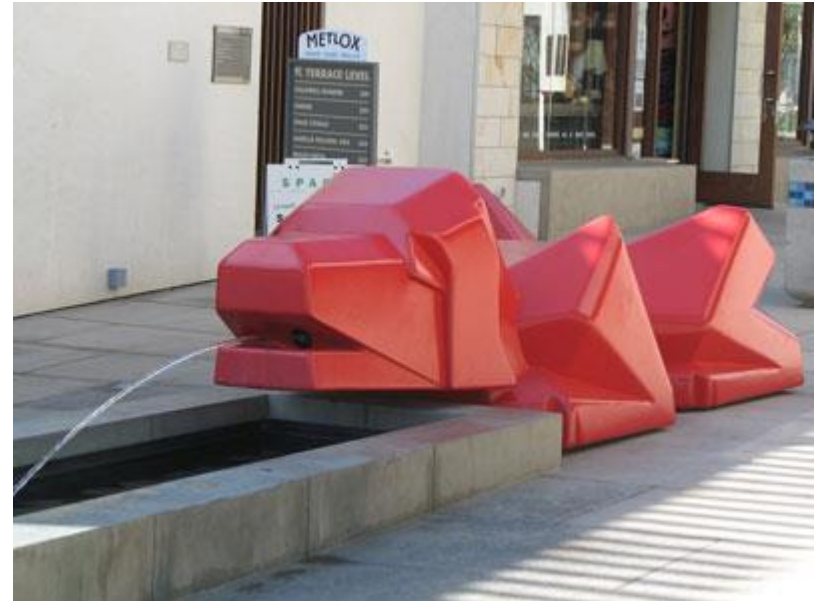


OPTION 2

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Permanent Sculpture

- Same amount of work and time as Option 1 to develop, launch, and complete
- Similar budget as Option 1 but permanent artwork
- Can create RFP for specific theme, location, aesthetic



OPTION 3

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Blanket Permit – Pot and Pole

- Similar to original Sculpture Garden
- Very rigid parameters
- Staff to develop engineering and obtain blanket permits
- Will likely encounter similar challenges as original program:
 - Few applicants
 - Uninspired submissions
 - Stifled creativity



OPTION 4

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Small Sculptures, No Permit

- Smaller installations do not require permits or engineering
- Staff to develop and commission permanent pedestals
- Multiple small artworks can be installed in lieu of few large ones
- Program can be deployed and operational in 8 – 12 months
- Artwork can be installed 1 – 2 months after selection
- Artwork can be rotated more frequently



CAC RECOMMENDATION

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Bifurcated approach combining Options 1 and 4

- Begin development of Option 1 for large scale temporary artwork
- Allocate higher budget and longer timeline to accommodate engineering and permit work
 - \$75,000 every two years – \$25,000 per artwork per 2 year loan, 3 artworks
- Simultaneously begin work on Option 4 to create an expedited path to artwork installation
 - \$45,000 one time cost to create and install 9 pedestals
 - \$45,000 every 1 – 2 years – \$5,000 per artwork on loan for 1 or 2 years, 9 artworks in groups of 3 at 3 locations

Total budget for both programs: \$165,000



CONCLUSION

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- Discuss and Provide Direction on Sculpture Garden Project Options and Cultural Arts Commission Recommendations.
- Staff recommends that City Council:
 - Discuss and provide direction

