

City Council Agenda Item Memo

From: Bonnie Foster, City Clerk

Council Meeting: September 23, 2025

Subject: Volunteer Board Appointment: Public Arts Commission

Presenter: Bonnie Foster, City Clerk

Summary and Recommended Action:

Mayor Niemeyer recommends the appointment of Donna Merkt and Matt Lindner to the Public Arts Commission

Item Details:

As per City Council Citizen Advisory Board Policy, the Mayor, with consent of the Council, will make all appointments to Citizen Advisory Boards.

Public art enhances the built environment of a city and enriches the lives of its citizens. A dedicated funding source for an established program of public art enhances the reputation of a city and serves as a vehicle for attracting new businesses and citizens. A public art program encourages a community's artists and citizens to engage in creative activities and artistic development. A public arts commission can develop and implement a unified public art strategy for a community.

The Mayor recommends the appointment of the following individual to the Brookings Human Rights Commission:

- Donna Merkt, term expires 1/1/2026 (filling unexpired term)
- Matt Lindner, term expires 1/1/2027 (filling unexpired term)

Legal Consideration: None.

Strategic Plan Consideration:

- Safe, Inclusive, Connected Community – The City of Brookings will create an environment for inclusive programs, gathering places, and events where the community can safely live, work and come together to participate in opportunities for learning, recreation and enjoyment.
- Service and Innovation Excellence – The City of Brookings will provide an accessible environment committed to ongoing innovation and outstanding service through listening and engagement.

Financial Consideration: None.

Supporting Documentation: None