

# City Council Agenda Item Memo

**From:** Stacy Claussen, Recreation Manager

**Council Meeting:** March 12, 2024 / March 26, 2024

**Subject:** Ordinance 24-005: revision of Ordinance 16-006 - creating the Brookings Public Arts Commission

**Presenter:** Julia Eberhart, Public Arts Chair  
Stacy Claussen, Recreation Manager

## **Summary:**

Staff recommends approval amending Chapter 2 of the City Code of Ordinances pertaining to the Brookings Public Arts Commission.

## **Background:**

The BPAC was created in 2016. Since that time the commission seats have turned over leaving vacancies and struggles to find members whom fit into the specific criteria set in Ordinance 16-006. An existing vacant seat is to be filled by a representative of the SDSU School of Design. This seat has remained vacant since 2021 due to the restructure of the SDSU School of Design. The proposed amendments are recommendations from the Brookings Public Arts Commission.

At this time, the nine-member Commission has seven active members, and two vacant seats.

## **Item Details:**

The revisions within the proposed Ordinance have been simplified, containing fewer seat-representation requirements. The seat-representation requirements removed from the Ordinance were placed into the PAC By-Laws (attached), which give the BPAC easier access to update, as the membership needs of the commission change.

With this change, the commission hopes to attract a larger variety of art enthusiasts to fill seat vacancies.

## **Legal Consideration:**

City Attorney Steve Britzman reviewed the proposed Ordinances changes.

## **Strategic Plan Consideration:**

Safe, Inclusive, Connected Community – By allowing a wider variety of art enthusiasts as members we hope to build an increased awareness of the PAC within the community.

Service and Innovation Excellence – streamlines governance and operations of the PAC.

**Financial Consideration:**

None.

**Options and Recommendation:**

The City Council has the following options:

1. Approve as presented
2. Amend
3. Deny
4. Move the item to a Study Session
5. Discuss / take no action / table

Staff recommends approval.

**Supporting Documentation:**

Ordinance - clean

Ordinance - marked

PAC Minutes

PAC By-Laws 1/17/2024

Ordinance 16-006