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LIBRARY, CULTURE & ARTS COMMISSION STAFF REPORT MEETING DATE: MARCH 7, 2017

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ART MAINTENANCE FUNDING

Discuss current options for art maintenance fundraising.

REPORT NARRATIVE:

A local resident, Rick McKay reached out to the Mayor to discuss the opportunity to develop some sort of fundraising program to support enhanced maintenance of the City's art collection. The Mayor referred Mr. McKay to the Commission and this item has been placed on the agenda for discussion.

The City currently funds art maintenance and receives additional support for the South County Masonic Lodge in maintaining the bronze sculptures throughout the City. The City does not have funds budgeted for some larger scale maintenance projects, such as replacing the patina on some of the older sculptures. Fundraising could support this effort, specifically if it was used for a specific project.

The City does have a Public Art Fund that could be used for this purpose, but currently has only very limited funds being entered into it. The Commission has discussed sale of Tarantula Shirts to support this fund, but this would be very limited for fundraising large amounts of money.

The Commission could give staff direction on fundraising efforts, but with several members of the current commission leaving next month, it may be more appropriate to have this discussed with the new commission members as part of the annual work plan development.