

Division 5. Public Art Committee**Section III-501. Powers and Duties [Sec. 16-8.]**

The Public Art Committee shall have the following powers and duties:

- A. To review and approve or disapprove proposals to provide public art or public works of art and make recommendations to the City Commission.
- B. To review and approve or disapprove proposals for the off-site location of public art in public places.
- C. To provide comments and recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners of Sarasota County as to proposed public art for public structures owned by Sarasota County located on Governmental (G) zoned property in the community redevelopment area depicted on the community redevelopment plan adopted on September 22, 1986.
- D. To advise the City Commission regarding the acquisition, placement and display of works of art and specifically advise the City Commission regarding the display of works of art to be placed on properties belonging to the City of Sarasota, after being requested to do so by the City Commission on a case-by-case basis.
- E. To confer with persons or organizations who have offered to donate or loan works of art to the City which may be placed on public property in an endeavor to increase the aesthetic appeal of such public sites and the City in general, after being requested to do so by the City Commission on a case-by-case basis.
- F. To make recommendations to the City Commission regarding the expenditure of all monies from the public art fund.
- G. To advise the City Commission regarding all proposed City sponsored visual displays and public amenities such as benches, outdoor lighting, trash receptacles, newspaper dispensers, banners and holiday decorations, after being requested to review a particular project by the City Commission.

Section III-502. Membership; Terms; Transition; Vacancies; Removal**A. Creation**

The Public Art Committee shall consist of five (5) members appointed by the City Commission, each for a term of three (3) years; plus one (1) student youth representative, serving a term of one (1) year, as provided in Section G below and Section 2-260.1, Sarasota City Code (1986), provided that members serving on the Committee as of the date of adoption of these regulations shall serve until their terms shall expire; provided, further, that members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified.

(Ord. No. 04-4514; Sec. 2, 1-20-04)

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B. Qualifications of Members

Members of the Public Art Committee shall not be city employees and shall not hold an elected public office in city government. At least three (3) Committee members shall be residents of the City of Sarasota or shall own real property in the City. At least (2) Committee members shall be art experts. At least one (1) Committee member shall also be a member of a local arts organization. One (1) member of the Committee shall be an architect or planner. One (1) member of the Committee shall be a student youth representative. All members of the Public Art Committee shall be persons with knowledge of and appreciation for the visual arts.

C. Removal of Members

Members of the Public Art Committee may be removed from office by the affirmative vote of three (3) members of the City Commission

D. Vacancies

Vacancies in the Public Art Committee membership shall be filled by appointment by the City Commission for the unexpired term of the member affected.

E. Compensation of Members

Members of the Public Art Committee shall receive no salaries or fees for service on the Committee, but may receive reimbursement for reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties of office.

F. Conflicts of Interest

If any member of the Public Art Committee shall find that his private or personal interests are involved in the matter coming before the Committee, he shall disqualify himself from all participation in that matter. No member of the public Art Committee shall have his or her work of art considered or approved by the Public Art Committee during their term of service on the Committee or for one (1) year thereafter.

G. Student Youth Representative.

The student youth representative on the Committee shall be appointed as provided in Section 2-260.1, Sarasota City Code (1986) and shall serve for one or more terms as is provided for in Section 2-260.1.

Section III-503. Meetings, Quorum and Required Vote [Sec. 16-7.]

A. Meetings shall be at the call of the chairman, provided the committee shall convene no less often than quarterly. Special meetings shall not be held without at least twenty-four (24) hours notice to each member.

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B. A quorum for the transaction of business shall consist of three (3) members.

C. The affirmative vote of a majority of the Committee members present and voting is required to take official action. For purposes of these regulations, a tie vote on any matter appealable to the City Commission shall be deemed no action and the matter shall be submitted to the City Commission for a final decision in the same manner as if an appeal had been taken. In all other matters a tie vote shall be deemed a denial of the measure voted upon, however, such denial shall be reported to the City commission by the Public Art Committee.

(Ord. No. 99-4113, Sec. 3, 3-15-99)

Section III-504. Officers and Staff

A. The committee shall elect from among its members a chairman and a vice-chairman who shall serve for terms of one (1) year. [Sec. 16-7.]

B. The Public Art Committee shall be provided with such professional assistance as may be deemed necessary to enable the Board to perform the functions assigned to it under these Land Development Regulations. The City Manager shall provide a secretary for the Board.
[Sec. 16-6.]

Section III-505. Rules and Records

A. The Public Art Committee shall adopt rules of procedure to govern the conduct of its meetings which are consistent with the provisions of this article necessary to its governance and the conduct of its affairs, in keeping with the applicable provisions of the Sarasota city charter, Florida law and these Land Development Regulations. Such rules of procedure shall be in written form and shall be available to persons appearing before the Committee and to the public.

B. The Board shall keep minutes of its proceedings, showing the vote of each member, including the chairman or vice-chairman, or, if such member is absent or fails to vote, indicating such fact.