

June 2, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch, City Manager

SUBJECT: Art in Public Places Policy

As work continues towards the construction of the new Bowie City Hall, staff has been working closely with the Bowie Arts Committee in an effort to establish an Art in Public Places Policy for City Council consideration and adoption. The new Bowie City Hall project will feature at least two pieces of art that will be installed as part of the construction process and ultimately will be in place when the new facility opens on or about January 2011.

In this regard, staff has prepared a resolution for City Council consideration that will establish an Art in Public Places Policy that defines public art, establishes a mission statement, programmatic goals, and administrative responsibilities as we undertake this new program. This document will also establish the guidelines to be used by the Bowie Arts Committee and the soon to be created subcommittee known as the Public Art Selection Panel, including membership requirements, that will actually select and implement specific projects. The Bowie Arts Committee will recommend membership to the subcommittee to the City Council that will have ultimate approval in both membership and the selection of art projects.

Once the resolution is approved, the Bowie Arts Committee will initiate a "Call to Artists" that is described in the policy. It is important to begin this process in earnest, due to the significant lead time required for such a selection process and ultimate construction and installation needed for art work. Your concurrence in approving Resolution R-37-09 is requested.

R-37-09

**RESOLUTION**  
**OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND**  
**ADOPTING AN ART IN PUBLIC PLACES POLICY,**  
**DEFINING PUBLIC ART, A MISSION STATEMENT,**  
**PROGRAMMATIC GOALS AND**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bowie owns numerous facilities throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council is desirous of establishing a policy adopting an Art in Public Places Policy for use in developing and administering this policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bowie is anticipating the construction and eventual occupancy of a new Bowie City Hall near the Bowie Town Center area; and

**WHEREAS**, the new Bowie City Hall will include at least two pieces of public art for which the City Council desires to establish a process by which public art pieces shall be acquired in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council will confirm appointments to the Public Art Selection Panel and retain final project and financial approval for all public art projects.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland, that the Art in Public Places Policy is hereby established effective this date.

**INTRODUCED AND PASSED** by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a Regular Meeting on June 15, 2009.

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G. Frederick Robinson  
Mayor

Attest:

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Pamela A. Fleming

City Clerk