



# MULTNOMAH COUNTY AGENDA PLACEMENT REQUEST

(Revised: 6/9/2014)

## Board Clerk Use Only

Meeting Date: 11/12/15  
Agenda Item #: R.11  
Est. Start Time: 11:00 am  
Date Submitted: 11/4/15

**Agenda Title:** PROCLAMATION Proclaiming November 2015 to be Public Art Month in Multnomah County, Oregon

### Requested

**Meeting Date:** November 12, 2015 **Time Needed:** 30 minutes

**Department:** Nondepartmental **Division:** Commissioner Shiprack, District 3

**Contact(s):** Michelle Plambeck, Office of Commissioner Shiprack

**Phone:** 503-988-5217 **Ext.:** **I/O Address:** 503/6/Plambeck

**Presenters:** Peggy Kendellen, Regional Arts and Culture Council and invited guests

## General Information

### 1. What action are you requesting from the Board?

Proclaim November 2015 to be Public Art Month in Multnomah County, Oregon and celebrate the program's 35-year anniversary.

### 2. Please provide sufficient background information for the Board and the public to understand this issue. Please note which Program Offer this action affects and how it impacts the results.

Throughout history art has been instrumental in creating unique public places that have yielded physical, social and economic benefits for the community. Percent for Art integrates a wide range of art into public spaces and community to reflect the diversity of artistic disciplines and points of view.

In 1980 the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners passed a 1% for art ordinance. In 1985, the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners added .33% for public education, management and maintenance. In 2008 the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners increased the % for art to 2%, increasing the amount available for artwork, public education, management and maintenance.

The Regional Arts and Culture Council (RACC) coordinates gifts to the public art collection; manages the acquisition and placement of an extensive Portable Works Collection; and has become a leading best practice resource for the field nationwide. RACC provides opportunities for artists to advance their art forms; encourages early collaboration with artists on planning or design teams that contribute to the revitalization of neighborhoods and redevelopment areas; and encourages public dialogue about public art and the vital

roles artists play in our society.

**3. Explain the fiscal impact (current year and ongoing).**

This briefing has no fiscal impact. Multnomah County adopted an ordinance dedicating 2% of the total construction costs of major capital improvement projects to public art.

**4. Explain any legal and/or policy issues involved.**

Multnomah County Ordinance No. 1117 passed in 2008 requires that 2% of most publicly-funded capital construction projects be set aside for the creation and maintenance of public art.

**5. Explain any citizen and/or other government participation that has or will take place.**

The Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) oversees the Public Art Program. PAAC Committee membership includes RACC Board members, the RACC designee on the Design Commission, and arts professionals.

---

**Required Signature**

---

**Elected  
Official or  
Department  
Director:**

Matthew Lashua /s/

**Date:**

\_\_\_\_\_