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Body

The City of Madison Arts Commission has a formal process for accepting art for display in public spaces. However, staff occasionally receive requests for private art installations from members of the public, such as visual art, signs, murals, or sculptures to be placed in park spaces. In the Superintendent September 2023 Report and during the Board of Park Commissioners September 6, 2023 meeting, Parks Superintendent, Eric Knepp advised the Board of Park Commissioners that "Until an official policy can be approved, Parks staff will not accept any new private art proposals."

Staff have worked with representatives from the City Attorney's office to draft the City of Madison Parks - Private Art Policy. Staff provided an informational presentation of the policy to the Long Range Planning Subcommittee at the subcommittee's February 21, 2024 meeting for review and discussion of recommendations. Staff will provide an informational presentation to the Board of Park Commissioners for review and discussion of recommendations at the March 13, 2024 commission meeting.