

Memorandum of Understanding Between the Visual Arts Commission And Longview Outdoor Gallery

Parties

The City of Longview, Visual Arts Commission and Longview Outdoor Gallery mutually understand and agree to the following in accordance with all applicable state and city resolutions, codes, ordinances, regulations and laws.

Background

Longview Outdoor Gallery(LOG)

The mission of the Longview Outdoor Gallery (LOG), a non-profit organization run by volunteers, is to increase community exposure to the arts with a downtown Longview sculpture program. LOG operates on a two-year cycle. In the first year independent judges choose sculptures for installation. The second year LOG volunteers raise money to purchase one sculpture to give to the city for its permanent collection. This program is supported entirely by local patrons, donors and businesses.

LOG has completed the 2011-2013 cycle and far exceeded its plan to buy one piece. The community has shown outstanding support for this program and six sculptures will remain in Longview. LOG volunteers installed nine new sculptures on September 7 for the 2013-2015 cycle with plans to continue in the future.

City of Longview, Visual Arts Commission (Commission)

The purpose of the City of Longview Visual Arts Commission (Commission) is to provide an effective mechanism for determining the appropriateness and placement location of public artwork, be it temporary or permanent, on the property and easements of the City of Longview. The intent of the Commission is to expand the opportunity for Longview residents and visitors to experience art in public places and create a more visually pleasing community.

In April 2012, the Commission recommended an Artwork Site Plan in support of the LOG efforts to place artwork in downtown Longview. The Commission has an established relationship to work with and support LOG applications for temporary placement and permanent acceptance of sculptures.

Purpose and Objectives

The missions of LOG and the Commission are closely related and the desire, interest and need to work cooperatively are strongly supported by the membership of both organizations. There is an emphasis to continue a seamless positive relationship and process to support the display of public art through this relationship. This arrangement and understanding will help both LOG and the Commission reach their mission, goals and objectives and best serve the community.

The intent is to eliminate or reduce the possibility of disagreement between LOG and the Commission through this understanding. The goal is to cooperatively facilitate an efficient and effective working relationship between LOG and the Commission through the following initiatives:

1. The Commission appoints a member as a liaison to LOG.
2. The Commission appoints a member to be involved in the panel of judges to determine which sculptures are selected to recommend for temporary display.
3. The Commission appoints a committee, with LOG included, having the intent to report activities at Commission meetings.
4. If resources are available without additional cost the Commission, through the City of Longview, Parks and Recreation Department may provide space for LOG information in the department print and electronic public information.
5. LOG representative(s) attends Commission meeting to enhance communication when needed or requested by the Commission.

Statement of No Financial Obligation

This MOU does not impose any financial obligation on the part of LOG or the Commission.

Participation In Similar Activities

This MOU in no way restricts LOG or the Commission from participating in similar objectives or initiatives with other public agencies, private business, nonprofit organizations or individuals.

Effective Date and Duration

This MOU will be in effect upon final signature and will continue on a trial basis for two years from the effective date. The parties will meet prior to the expiration of this MOU to discuss potential modifications and renewal.

Termination

Either LOG or the Commission may terminate the objectives and initiatives in this MOU with 30 days written notice.

Effective Date

Effective on _____, 2014

Signatures:

LOG Representative

Dated: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

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Commission Chairperson

Dated: _____

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