

## Staff Report

**PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP MODIFICATION**

June 12, 2012

**BACKGROUND:**

The Public Art Commission (PAC) is by far the largest City board or commission, with a membership of 16. The PAC has organized itself into a number of functional work committees to carry out its work. At present, only 14 of the Commission's positions are filled.

Over the past two years, the Mayor has had a continual challenge identifying and appointing the last one or two members of this commission. In April, the PAC's two co-chairs met with the Mayor to discuss this dilemma. They agreed that down-sizing the Commission to 14 would not substantially reduce the Commission's capacity to carry out its work.

The membership of this Commission was set by Council resolution, and can be modified in the same way. One of the two positions currently vacant is the "one year" appointment originally intended to be filled by an ISU student. In order to preserve that appointment opportunity for future years, one of the existing, 3-year appointees could be shifted into the open 1-year opening. Steve Kawaler is currently filling the third year of his second 3-year term, and is thus ineligible for further reappointment. If his appointment is shifted to the 1-year position, the PAC's membership can be reduced to 14 at this time without any current member losing his or her position.

The Public Art Commission expressed support for this membership reduction and transition plan at its June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. Steve Kawaler has also expressed support for the change in his PAC appointment.

**NEXT STEPS**

Should Council agree that these changes are appropriate, Steve Kawaler's appointment should be changed from a three-year term to a one-year term that will expire on April 1, 2013, and the number of three-year positions on the PAC should be reduced from 16 to 14. These changes can be accomplished by passage of a Council resolution.