

City of Raleigh

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

Budget Note 11

* This note requires Council action.

June 1, 2015

MEMO TO: Ruffin Hall, City Manager
FROM: Scott Payne, Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources
SUBJECT: Budget Note 11 – Establish Curator of Exhibitions and Collections Position

Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources staff proposes converting current arts per capita-funded, contracted curator services into a full-time position (Curator of Exhibitions and Collections, PG32). This position will combine the contracted curation duties of Block Art Gallery exhibitions with those of the Municipal Art Collection. The Curator will recruit and organize artist participation in Block Gallery and other city-sponsored exhibitions and, over time, identify and collaborate with exhibition and education venues throughout the City. The Curator will also manage all aspects of the City's growing, 500-piece Municipal Art Collection – ranging from small works of art on paper to large outdoor public art – ensuring that it is properly documented, cared for, and made accessible through exhibitions and the on-line database.

Establishing a full-time resource for this role charts a sustainable path to:

- 1) Increase the quality and impact of City of Raleigh Arts Commission programs;
- 2) Continue to professionalize the management and care of the City's growing Municipal Art Collection; and
- 3) Address the City Council's Arts & Cultural Resources strategic focus area:
*“Objective 3: Create initiatives and partnerships that foster diverse and innovative arts, cultural and tourism opportunities.
Initiative 1: Develop a plan to increase arts and cultural activities throughout all geographical areas of Raleigh.”*

Staff shared this proposal with the City of Raleigh Arts Commission during their May 12, 2015 meeting. The Commission supports this proposal. Conversion of the contracted services to a full-time position has no budget impact as the current funding for contracted services within the arts per capita allocation will cover the full-time position costs. However, council must authorize the creation of the full-time position.

