



City of North Port
City Manager's Office

Interoffice Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor and City Commission
From: Peter D. Lear, City Manager
Date: February 7th, 2019
RE: Art Fund

On January 3rd, 2018, Commissioners heard a presentation from the Communications Division regarding a Mural at the North Port Senior Center. Previously, staff has been directed to come back to Commissioners with costs of murals completed in the City of Punta Gorda. The costs of the murals came back between \$25,000 to \$35,000.

After receiving those numbers, Commissioners directed staff to come back with how much money was available in the City's Art Fund. Currently the Art Fund contains \$111,931.65. Of this, \$16,000 is reserved for Walgreens at Heron Creek, so the amount available to spend is \$95,931.65. These numbers were requested from and for Commissioners to review before moving forward and planning a possible public charette on the issue.

It should be noted that the Art Fund can be utilized for the purposes discussed, (Senior Center mural) but expenditures need to be approved by City Commission. The Art Advisory Board provides recommendations on placement of artwork in public spaces. See Admin Code 4-122.

Staff needs Commission to request this item to be placed back on an upcoming agenda if they would like to discuss the usage of these funds and provide further direction on the mural project and possible charette.

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