



Staff Report
 City of Richmond, Virginia
 City Planning Commission

CPCR.2025.001	Meeting Date: 1/7/2024
Applicant/Petitioner	Public Art Commission
Description	Ordinance No. 2024-212 requires that the City Planning Commission dissolve by resolution (CPCR.2025.001) the existing body of the Public Art Commission to put into effect the aforementioned ordinance passed in September 2024, which codifies the form and function of the City of Richmond’s Public Art Commission (Ch. 2, Art. V of the City Code, Div. 22 [§§ 2-1182 – 2-1186]). Following the adoption of this resolution, City Council will appoint nine new members of the Public Art Commission.
PAC Recommendation	Approval
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BACKGROUND

Revealing Richmond: A Public Art Master Plan for the City of Richmond, Virginia was adopted in 2018 as an amendment to the Master Plan. *Revealing Richmond* is a ten-year action plan that describes key policy recommendations to support the city of Richmond as it builds a stronger citywide Public Art Program. A priority action was to legislatively establish the Public Art Commission. Since 1991, at the request of city Council, the Public Art Commission has managed the City’s Percent for Arts functions and plays a critical role in the acceptance of gifts of art and the creation of public art. Public Art has been shown to bring communities together, contribute to tourism and culture, and helps to define and express Richmond’s identity.

City Council adopted Ordinance No. 2024-212 on September 23, 2024, thereby creating a Council-established Public Art Commission to replace and continue the work of the existing Public Art Commission and formally codify the form, duties, and rules of operation of such Council-established Commission. Per this ordinance, a resolution adopted by the City Planning Commission shall dissolve the existing body known as the Public Art Commission so that Ordinance No. 2024-212 may go into effect, enabling the Public Art Commission to continue its ongoing work to advise the City Planning Commission, the Council, the Mayor’s Office, the City’s Department of Planning and Development Review, and other City agencies on all matters involving public art.