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Item 7 Endowment for Public Art

Former Mayor pro tempore Nancy S. Preston said she was requesting the Council's support for the establishment of an endowment fund for local public art. She noted that some seed money for the project was in place and additional gifts were being received. Ms. Preston said she hoped that public funds would not be used to fund programs of this type. Ms. Preston suggested that the Council establish a committee to determine how public art endowment programs were administered in other communities. Ms. Preston said she hoped that the Council would respond favorably to her proposals.

Council Member Andresen thanked Ms. Preston for her proposal. She stated that art in public places was a very highly valued commodity. Council Member Andresen noted the importance of establishing a committee to oversee the siting of works. She also suggested that the Appearance Commission could provide assistance to the proposed public art committee. Ms. Preston said this was a good idea. Council Member Andresen said many areas and buildings such as the Town Hall benefitted greatly from the display of public art. Council Member Brown said the paintings of Ms. Eleanor Seng had added considerably to the Town Hall's atmosphere. Council Member Herzenberg commended the public's attention to murals in Fire Station #1 and in the Franklin Street post office lobby.

COUNCIL MEMBER HERZENBERG MOVED, SECONDED BY COUNCIL MEMBER RIMER, TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 3.

Mayor Broun said the proposed endowment program would enhance the public's exposure to many creative local artists. Council Member Werner noted that the Committee on Parking Lot Number One and Related Matters had discussed the establishment of a central location at the parking facility for the display of art work.

THE MOTION WAS PLACED ON THE FLOOR AND ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY (9-0).

A RESOLUTION REGARDING A CHAPEL HILL ENDOWMENT FOR PUBLIC ART
(92-2-10/R-3)

WHEREAS, the public display of art can enrich the life of our community as a place where human expression through the arts is cherished and promoted; and

WHEREAS, Orange County, Chapel Hill and Carrboro have a well established community of artists working in media such as painting, sculpture, ceramics, photography and weaving; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to support the public display of art with gifts and grants whenever possible rather than with Town property tax revenues and sales taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the Town of

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Chapel Hill that the Council establishes a Chapel Hill Endowment for Public Art based on the following principles:

1. The Endowment shall be funded primarily from gifts and grants.
2. The interest earnings and a limited amount of the principal of the Endowment shall be used to enhance Town buildings, and areas such as public parks and plazas, through the display and occasional purchase of works of art by local artists.
3. The Council will appoint an advisory committee with up to seven individuals with special knowledge, interest or expertise in the arts. The Committee shall be responsible for identifying works of art appropriate for public display, making recommendations to the Council on using Endowment funds for displays and occasional purchases, fund-raising and handling operational matters such as scheduling, publicity and other matters associated with the public display of works of art.

This the 10th day of February, 1992.

Mayor Broun presented Ms. Preston with a resolution from the North Carolina League of Municipalities recognizing her eight years of service to the Town as a council member and Mayor pro tempore. Ms. Preston thanked Mayor Broun for the recognition.