



## Monthly Board Brief, December 2021

### Key Upcoming Priorities

1. Donelson Branch Library Public Art. (ACTION) The citizen selection panel met on December 2nd and 3rd to review and score submissions for the interior and exterior public art sites. The panel selected five artists as semi-finalists for the national call to artists for the exterior artwork and four artists as semi-finalists for the local call to artists for the interior artwork. Semi-finalists for both exterior and interior will participate in a final interview process scheduled for early January.
2. Grants and Funding (ACTION): FY23 planning underway, Guidelines are up for review at Commission meeting.
3. HR and Hiring. Administrative Services Officer 2 position interviews have been held. Candidate decision forthcoming. Interviews begin this week for the Administrative Services Manager position.
4. Public Art Policies: (ACTION) Staff continue to work with Metro Legal, CARE and other Metro stakeholders to make updates and improvements to the Donated Artwork Policy and Temporary Art on Metro Property policy. Two temporary art on Metro Property applications have been reviewed by staff and are being recommended by the Public Art Committee for approval.
5. Racial Equity: Draft Equity Lens will be distributed to all Committee Chairs for engagement and completion by February 2022; BIPOC Arts Administrators Event planned for January 25, 2022; CARE recruitment ongoing, REAL Guidelines will be posted pending approval and open until February 7, 2022.
6. Strategic Planning (ACTION): Task Force is up for consideration by the Commission. The Planning process will kick off in January and is chaired by Commissioners Powell.
7. Thrive: Community Practice Artist Incubator (ACTION): Staff is recruiting [mentors for Cycle 2](#) artists through December 13. FY22 Thrive Cycle 2 proposed project allocations are ACTION items.
8. Youth Programs: Regular programs and development of partnerships and pilot programs in MNPS youth courts underway; end of session showcases taking place through December at JDC; [DIAL and POWER Youth applications are open](#)