



May 2nd, 2016

Re: Public Art

Dear Board of Mayor and Aldermen,

I am writing to you on behalf of the Downtown Franklin Association, the Williamson County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and the Heritage Foundation in regards to public art in our beautiful city of Franklin.

Public art has proven to be a hugely beneficial element in creating a strong community, both economically and culturally for many different cities throughout the country. Community based art and cultural experiences would not only display the history and vibrancy of Franklin to the many visitors we welcome, but would also nurture the love and pride for those who call Franklin home.

Through numerous conversations over the last year, and the continued success of the Downtown Franklin Association's local artist driven Art Scene, we have discovered a shared narrative amongst our organizations and local residents in creating a forum and plan for public art in Franklin. We have discussed the need and desire with Vernon Gerth, Monique McCullough, Molly Pike and Amanda Hall from the City of Franklin, and have determined the best way to proceed is to present our interest in establishing a Public Art Program by requesting your initial support for proceeding with developing guidelines and an ordinance for your future consideration that provides a formal review process and oversight.

I would be honored for the opportunity to present to you our vision for public art in Franklin at the Board of Mayor and Aldermen meeting on May 24th.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie Walton Garland".

Julie Walton Garland
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Promotions Chair, Downtown Franklin Association