



# TOWN OF FAIRFAX

## STAFF REPORT

### March 3, 2021

**TO:** Mayor and Town Council

**FROM:** Maria Baird, Community Services Manager

**SUBJECT:** Extend the terms of the current Artists-in-Residence (“AIR”)

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#### **RECOMMENDATION**

Extend the terms of the current Artists-in-Residence (“AIR”), Stephanie Mohan and Susan Pascal Beran for three years to February 14, 2024, and the term of Georgia Gibbs for one year to February 14, 2022.

#### **DISCUSSION**

The Artists in Residence Collaborative began in August 2018 and consisted of an expansion of the program from one AIR to a team of three AIR's. The AIR's are skilled in various disciplines (i.e., fine art, painting, photography). Projects of the AIR's have included the Art Walk, pop-up Art Events, and Open Studios.

There are currently three Artists-in-Residence, whose terms expired February 14, 2021: Stephanie Mohan, Georgia Gibbs, and Susan Pascal Beran. Due to the COVID pandemic, for the past year the Artists-in-Residence have been limited in their participation in the role. In 2020, they had to cancel the Art Walk, one of their signature events. They would like more time to be able to carry out many of the projects they would like to implement as Artists-in-Residence. While Stephanie and Susan would like to continue serving an additional three years, Georgia is able to commit to one additional year.

At its February 16, 2021, the Parks & Recreation Commission (PARC) recommended that the terms of current Artists-in-Residence Stephanie Mohan and Susan Pascal Beran be extended an additional three years, until 2024. PARC also recommended that Georgia Gibbs' term be extended another year, until 2022. PARC will consider the issuance of a request for proposals (RFP) to fill the position prior to February 2022.

#### **FISCAL IMPACT**

The Parks & Recreation budget already includes \$3000 for Artist-in-Residence Collaborative.