

Department Source: Cultural Affairs

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: March 16, 2026

Re: City of Columbia joining the Creative Communities Alliance as a member and participating in the Sculpture on the Move project.

Impacted Ward: Citywide

### Executive Summary

The City of Columbia plans to become a member of the Creative Communities Alliance as a participating community and take part in the Sculpture on the Move project. Sculpture on the Move pairs artworks with communities, resulting in a rotating public art program with artworks displayed for two-year terms. The Office of Cultural Affairs and Parks & Recreation Department are collaborators in this program and plan to utilize the Sculpture on the Move project in the new North Village Park, with possibilities for other display opportunities at other parks in the future.

### Discussion

Creative Communities Alliance (CCA) is a collaboration of communities within Missouri and Kansas that provides a supportive network to connect artists to these communities. CCA administers the Sculpture on the Move project, which helps communities install public artwork on a temporary and rotating basis. Sculptures are on display for two-year terms.

The City of Columbia plans to become a member of the Creative Communities Alliance. Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding is necessary for the City's membership. In addition, execution of a Memorandum of Agreement for CCA's Sculpture on the Move project is needed for participation in that program. The Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) and Parks & Recreation Department are collaborators in this program and plan to utilize the Sculpture on the Move project in the new North Village Park, with possibilities for other display opportunities at other parks in the future. OCA plans to take on the membership expenses of CCA and Sculpture on the Move (combined, \$100 annually). Parks & Recreation will handle expenses associated with future artists agreements (\$1,000 per year, per sculpture), which will come to Council for approval at future meetings.

Each year, Sculpture on the Move present a slate of eligible sculptures for display in communities. Available artworks are from artists from across the United States. Each community submits its top ranked choices, and then after the selection draft administered by CCA, artworks are matched with communities. The City's Standing Committee on Public Art oversees the selections submitted by Columbia.

For the new North Village Park, the plan is to have three sculptures selected from Sculpture on the Move to be installed at the park, to coincide with its completion later in 2026. Since the park will have many artwork components, the hope is that Sculpture on the Move will allow the opportunity for rotating public art every two years.

**Fiscal Impact**

Short-Term Impact: \$100 per year in membership dues (OCA)

Long-Term Impact: \$100 per year membership dues (OCA)

**Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact**Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Resilient Economy, Secondary Impact: Organizational Excellence, Tertiary Impact: Reliable and Sustainable Infrastructure

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Livable & Sustainable Communities, Secondary Impact: Economic Development, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

**Legislative History**

Date	Action
3/18/24	B53-24: Naming North Village Park; approving the North Village Park Master Plan; authorizing construction of improvements at North Village Park; calling for bids for a portion of the project through the Purchasing Division. <a href="#">B53-24</a>

**Suggested Council Action**

Staff recommends that Council authorize execution of the Memorandum of Understanding and the Memorandum of Agreement with Creative Communities Alliance and authorize the appropriate City officials to sign all related documents.