



RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTION

Arts Commission

Recommendation Number: (2021-01RR): Transferring Responsibility of Future Mermaid March Sculpture Creation and Promotion to the Mermaid Society of Texas

WHEREAS, the Mermaid March is a series of fiberglass mermaid sculptures commissioned by the City of San Marcos in 2016 and painted by various talented artists from our area and beyond; and

WHEREAS, these sculptures were placed on City-controlled property and rights-of-way for the public to see and enjoy; to promote tourism to San Marcos; and to enhance the artistic landscape of our community; and

WHEREAS, the Mermaid Society of Texas has asked to take on responsibility for the creation and promotion of future mermaid sculptures, with plans to expand the program and thereby further enrich our city's arts and cultural scene; and

WHEREAS; this transfer would not involve City property or funds, and the current mermaid statues will remain City property and be displayed on City-owned ground and right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Commission voted in favor of transferring the Mermaid March to the Mermaid Society of Texas at its regular called meeting of March 17, 2021 with a vote of 7-0 in favor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Arts Commission encourages the San Marcos City Council to transfer the Mermaid March program to the Mermaid Society of Texas, and to support their efforts to expand the program with new sculptures and continued publicity.

Date of Approval: May 19, 2021

Record of the vote: 6-0 in favor

Attest:

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Trey Hatt, Arts Coordinator