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In Control: Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee

DEPARTMENT: Department of Arts & Culture

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Debbie Racca-Sittre

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: All Council Districts

SUBJECT:

Briefing on the Cul-Tú-Art Plan: Centro de Artes update

SUMMARY:

The Cul-TÚ-Art Cultural Plan is a coordinated planning document that is comprised of six focus areas including: Film, Centro de Artes, Public Art, Arts Funding Guidelines, Music all of which have already been completed, and Cultural Districts Framework which will be completed in the fall of 2019. This briefing is to provide an update on the implementation status of the Centro de Artes plan which includes the approved 2019 and 2020 exhibits.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

In September 2016, the Department of Arts & Culture began temporary management of exhibits and programming within the Centro de Artes Gallery and began a nine month planning process that culminated in the adoption of a strategic plan in June 2017.

Centro de Artes remains a city managed space dedicated to telling the story of the Latino experience with a focus on San Antonio and South Texas. A subcommittee of the San Antonio Arts Commission oversees the implementation of the strategic plan including review and recommendation of exhibits as a result of an open and transparent process (open call). Proposed exhibits will showcase local and regional art, history and culture with San Antonio and regional Latino artists and Latino-themed artworks. The gallery is currently open to the public free of charge Tuesday - Sunday, 11AM - 6PM, and closed Mondays. New exhibits as a result of the national open call are expected to begin in February 2019 and continue through January 2021.

ISSUE:

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ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could choose to not move forward with these exhibits. As a result, the department would discontinue operations of the facility and develop a new open call and evaluation process.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The City annually allocates \$150,000 in Hotel Occupancy Tax (HOT) funds for programming as well as \$150,000 in Market Square Enterprise funds for building operations, utilities, and repairs.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is for briefing purposes only.