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Agenda Item No._____

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** City Manager and Staff

**DATE:** 30 May 2008

**RE:** **Future Percent for Art Project**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Planning for the city parking garage at Fifth and Walnut Streets is underway and the project has a budget that meets the Percent for Art ordinance requirement of at least $1 million. Given that the Percent for Art ordinance specifically lists capital improvement projects like parking structures as ideal for public art, staff is recommending that the garage be designated. The Commission on Cultural Affairs has likewise voted to support the project being designated.

DISCUSSION:

Budget estimates for the overall parking garage building project are still preliminary, but Public Works staff reports that the eight story structure will likely be at least $12 million. That would allow for a Percent for Art budget of $120,000. After setting aside some funds for basic administration costs (not including staff salaries) and implementing a search for an artist, as well as for establishing a long term maintenance fund (generally 10% of the 1%), approximately $90,000 would be available for art at the site.

If the project is designated by Council, staff will schedule work with the city's Commission on Cultural Affairs and Standing Committee on Public Art to initiate the project with the appropriate timing. As per the ordinance, Council will remain involved throughout each project via reports from the Commission and with final approval of artist selections and design concepts.

SUGGESTED COUNCIL ACTION:

If Council concurs, designate the Fifth and Walnut Parking Garage as eligible for Percent for Art.