

January 11, 2024

Mayor, Assembly, and City Manager,

At the December 21 Assembly meeting we further discussed adding student art to City Hall. If this is something the Assembly would like to continue to pursue, I suggest the following:

1. Liability Waiver: To safeguard against potential issues such as theft or damage, I recommend a liability waiver from both the student and parent consenting to the display and absolving the MOS from any associated risks and liabilities. If/when such a waiver exists, it should be reviewed by the MOS attorney.
2. Art Oversight: A MOS staff member should be assigned to be responsible for accepting and vetting the work on behalf of the MOS, as well as the care and keeping of the art while in MOS possession.
3. Location Consideration: I hold reservations regarding the Chambers as a location for student art due to the professional nature of the space and the potential interruptions of open and closed meetings. I recommend the landing or a space in the entryway of City Hall that is more easily accessible to the public without disrupting staff at work. I would also encourage the Assembly and Mayor to read Jaime Bricker's email with her concerns about hanging art in AB Hall.
4. Funding Approval: A formal vote will be necessary for the MOS to allocate funds for the purchase of an appropriate display case. Public Works would then need to be instructed to hang the display case once acquired.

Due to these concerns, I believe this project would be best suited for the Health, Education, and Welfare Committee to organize and propose, as it seems beyond my reach as School Board Liaison.

Finally, my gratitude to the mayor and assembly for their enthusiastic support for art in public spaces, thus encouraging creativity in the young people of our community.

Sincerely,
Kate Kolodi
Skagway Assemblymember