



Shade as Art – Art as Shade SAA-AAS

Arts & Culture

Item 7

COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST

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Background

San Antonio's extreme heat has increased desire for shade structures installed in and along neighborhoods, commercial corridors, public spaces and pedestrian right-of-way while there is also increased desire for public art in these same spaces.

Request

A citywide strategy to integrate shade in public art and art into shade structures informed by:

- An analysis of where shade and public art are most needed with equity top of mind
- The use of bus stops along high-traffic corridors where heat island effect is most severe
- The history and cultural characteristics of neighborhoods where shade and public art are most needed
- Public input and the advice of local artists, designers, and arts organizations
- Goals established by the SA Tomorrow plan
- Best practices adopted by other communities throughout the world

Staff Recommendation



Arts & Culture staff will:

- Work with Planning Department, Sustainability, ITSD, and VIA to build a GIS map of areas in most need of shade and public art
- Conduct best practice research of shade as art / art as shade including costs/materials/dimensions
- Utilize GIS map and research to identify opportunities to implement shade as art / art as shade in existing Bond and Capital Improvement Projects
- Brief Community Health Committee on implementation plans