

Policy to deaccession a work of Public Art

The policy is as follows:

1. De-accessioning is only appropriate if one or more of the following conditions apply:
 - a. The work of art is damaged where repair is impractical or costs exceed the value of the work.
 - b. The artwork has faults that require repeated and excessive maintenance efforts.
 - c. The artwork endangers public safety.
 - d. Where public protest has continued unabated over a period of five years, a public hearing will be held. De-accessioning in this case is one of a number of solutions.
2. The request to de-accession must come from the Manager of the Art in Public Places Program in consultation with the Director of NM Arts and the head of the owner agency. However, the final decision rests with the NM Arts Commission.
3. AIPP will notify the artist in writing of the reason artwork must be removed from the site and provide artist 90 days to respond. If the artist does not respond, the site is authorized to remove the artwork.
4. The artist is responsible for all salvage costs associated with the removal of the artwork from the site.