

Los Alamos Art in Public Places Board- Public Art Decommission Report

1. Artwork Information

- **Title of Artwork:** "Dino World"
 - **Artist Name:** David Fricks
 - **Year of Acquisition:** 1998
 - **Medium/Materials:** Painting/Acrylic on Masonite
 - **Current Location:** Mesa Public Library, lower floor
 - **Acquisition Method & Cost:** \$20,000
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2. Removal Request Details

- **Request Initiator:** (Individual, Organization, or APPB Member)
 - **Date of Request:**
 - **Summary of Request:**
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3. Criteria for Consideration

(Check all that apply and provide supporting details)

- Documented adverse public reaction over time
- Damage beyond practical repair or repair cost exceeds value
- Excessive/unreasonable maintenance requirements
- Duplication within collection
- Faults in design or workmanship
- Fraudulent or inauthentic work
- Threat to public safety
- No suitable display location
- Rarely or never displayed

Explanation of Criteria Met:

(Provide evidence, condition reports, photos, etc.)

4. Public & County Feedback

- **Summary of Public Input:** Survey results from the November 2025 Public Art Questionnaire show relatively low engagement with *Dino World*. Among 98 respondents, more than half (approximately 54) indicated the piece was “not very important,” “not at all important,” or that they were “not familiar” with it. When asked about removal, 46% said they would not be disappointed, while only 25% said they would be. These responses suggest limited attachment, low familiarity, and minimal perceived significance in the community
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 - **Summary of County Department Feedback:**
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5. Artist Notification & Input

- **Date Artist Notified:**
 - **Artist Response:**
(Include advisory input on relocation, restoration, or modification)
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6. Legal Review

- **Compliance Check:**
 - County & State Laws: ✓ / ✗
 - VARA Rights: ✓ / ✗
 - Contractual Obligations: ✓ / ✗
 - **Legal Department Comments:**
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7. Recommended Actions

(Select one or more and explain rationale)

- Relocate the work
- Sell or trade the work
- Offer artist buy-back (include appraisal details)
- Auction through County procurement process
- Ethical disposal if other options fail

Alternative Actions Considered:

8. Financial Impact

- **Estimated Costs (Relocation, Restoration, Disposal):**
 - **Appraised Value:**
 - **Potential Revenue from Sale/Auction:**
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9. Formal Recommendation

- **APPB Vote:** (Date & Outcome)
 - **Disposition Method Recommended:**
 - **Council Approval Status:**
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10. Documentation & Compliance

- **Attachments:**
 - Condition Reports
 - Meeting Minutes (APPB & Council)
 - Public Engagement Records
 - Final Disposition Details