

# Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 84RIVERSIDE PARK PUBLIC ART PROJECT

**SUBJECT**

(CD 11) Authorize Execution of an Artwork Commission Contract with Ball-Nogues Design Studio LLC in an Amount Up to \$247,612.00 for Fabrication, Delivery, Installation, and Contingencies for Artwork at Riverside Park, Located at 501 Oakhurst Scenic Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76111

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that City Council authorize the execution of an Artwork Commission Contract with Ball-Nogues Design Studio LLC in an amount up to \$247,612.00 for fabrication, delivery, installation, and contingencies for artwork at Riverside Park, located at 501 Oakhurst Scenic Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76111.

**DISCUSSION:**

The Riverside Park Public Art Project Core Team expressed interest in a large, impactful artwork or series of artworks with a thematic approach that might speak to the natural environment and would engage visitors and park users. Riverside Park is a heritage site that honors the history of agriculture that once thrived in the Fort Worth region. The grove of pecan trees spread throughout the site is believed to be a remnant from an early farm dating near the time of the City's founding. This project honors this heritage with a grand-scaled artwork visible throughout the entire park and to drivers on Oakhurst Scenic Drive.

The artwork acknowledges the trees by making an abstract representation of their root systems visible to park visitors through a multi-hued radial pattern depicted on the surface of the path that traverses the park. The artists' aim is to call upon the cultural and natural histories of the Trinity River site, however, the artwork will also delight the eyes with color and patterns that can be appreciated by all people regardless of their historical knowledge.

**Fort Worth Art Commission (FWAC) Action:**

On July 17, 2023, the Fort Worth Art Commission approved the Final Design and recommended Ball-Nogues be placed under an artwork commission contract. The approved design was endorsed by the Park and Recreation Advisory Board on August 23, 2022.

Funding for the Riverside Park Public Art project was approved as part of the *Public Art Plan for the 2014 Bond Program*, adopted by the Fort Worth City Council on October 21, 2014 as Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) G-18339, and the *Public Art Plan for the 2018 Bond Program*, adopted by the Fort Worth City Council on October 16, 2018 as M&C G-19401. The project was included in the *Fort Worth Public Art Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Work Plan*, adopted by the Fort Worth City Council November 12, 2024, as M&C 24-1001.

The artist shall require their subcontractors to pull all permits required for this project, however, the City shall waive any fees for these permits as this project is funded by City Bond funds.

Estimated annual maintenance for the artwork is anticipated to be a total of \$1,000.00.

PROJECT BUDGET	AMOUNT	CONTRACT
Public Art Project Management Allocation	\$36,750.00	CSC #62494
Preliminary and Final Design	\$40,638.00	CSC #57857
Commission and Contingencies	\$247,612.00	This M&C
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$325,000.00</b>	

FUNDING SOURCES	AMOUNT
2014 Bond Program, Proposition 1	\$80,000.00
2018 Bond Program, Proposition B	\$245,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$325,000.00</b>

Funding is budgeted in the 2014 Bond Program Fund and the 2018 Bond Program Fund for the purpose of funding the FWPA Riverside Park and FWPA-Six Points UV, Phase 2 projects, as appropriated.

BUSINESS EQUITY DIVISION – The Business Equity Division waived the Business Equity Goal requirement. The Arts Council of Fort Worth and Tarrant County, Inc., D/B/A Arts Fort Worth have agreed to comply with all city contracting and procurement ordinances. Arts Fort Worth will work with the appropriate city departments to provide availability and utilization reporting analysis per city ordinance requirements biannually in March and September for each fiscal year.

Council Member Jeanette Martinez concurs with the FWAC's recommendation for Ball-Nogues to fabricate, deliver, and install artwork at Riverside Park.

These projects are located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 11.

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**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current capital budget, as previously appropriated, in the 2014 Bond Program Fund and the 2018 Bond Program Fund for the FWPA Riverside Park and FWPA-Six Points UV, Phase 2 projects to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the commission contract. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Library Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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