

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 03PUBLIC ART 2022 BOND PROGRAM PLAN

SUBJECT

(ALL) Adopt the Public Art Plan for the 2022 Bond Program, as Recommended by the Fort Worth Art Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached Public Art Plan for the 2022 Bond Program, as recommended by the Fort Worth Art Commission.

DISCUSSION:

Adoption of the attached Public Art Plan for the 2022 Bond Program sets the course for expenditure of public art allocations, calculated at one percent (1%) in Proposition A, and two percent (2%) in Propositions B-D, for a total of \$7,102,000.00. The recommended plan includes a total of 15 new public art projects that will be associated with Street and Transportation projects (along with an allocation for potential community partnership projects associated with Proposition A sites), Park and Recreation projects, a Library, two Fire Stations, and a Police Station.

The project sites recommended in the Public Art Plan for the 2022 Bond Program are those that offer high visibility and public engagement, opportunities for artist involvement, including local emerging public artists, and contribute to geographic equity of public artworks throughout the City. Public art funds generated by bond-funded capital projects must be expended within the corresponding bond proposition and may be pooled to one or more sites, as appropriate, to ensure that project budgets are appropriate to the scale of the sites identified. All public art project budgets include project management costs and contingencies. The plan may be amended by City Council action, as needed.

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with the Fort Worth Public Art Master Plan (adopted by City Council on September 30, 2003, Mayor & Council Communication (M&C) G-14087), upon voter approval of a bond package, development of a public art plan is undertaken by the Director of Public Art, working with individual City Council Members, City Staff, the Fort Worth Art Commission (FWAC), and the community. The Fort Worth Public Art Master Plan Update (adopted by City Council on October 17, 2017, M&C G-19140) recommended that project management costs be included in each public art project budget.

Arts Fort Worth staff met with the directors and staff of the Transportation and Public Works Department and the Park and Recreation Department to obtain information and suggestions on which capital improvement projects would offer the best opportunities for public art, from among the many being funded in Propositions A and B of the 2022 Bond Program. In addition, the FWAC Chairman and other commissioners met with individual City Council Members to seek their input on locations for public art within their districts.

On July 11, 2022, the FWAC endorsed a Draft Public Art Plan for the 2022 Bond Program for the purpose of gathering public input during the period of July 12 - September 19, 2022. The endorsed draft plan and visual presentation were published on the homepage of Fort Worth Public Art website (www.fwpublicart.org) and through the program's social media. The public hearings were also advertised on the City's website, CityNews, social media, and distributed to neighborhood associations via NextDoor.com. The FWAC held public hearings on August 15, 2022, and September 19, 2022.

ART COMMISSION ACTION: The FWAC recommended the attached Public Art Plan for the 2022 Bond Program on September 19, 2022,

The FWAC Chairman presented the Art Commission's recommended Public Art Plan for the 2022 Bond Program to the City Council at their Work Session of September 20, 2022.

This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of this recommendation will have no material effect on City funds.

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