

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 03TRAIL DRIVERS PARK PUBLIC ART PROJECT

SUBJECT

(CD 2) Authorize Execution of an Artwork Commission Contract with Karla Garcia in an Amount Up to \$118,100.00 for Fabrication, Delivery, Installation and Contingencies for Artwork at Trail Drivers Park, located at 2502 Guenther Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76106

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that City Council authorize the execution of an Artwork Commission Contract with Karla Garcia in an amount up to \$118,100.00 for fabrication, delivery, installation and contingencies for artwork at Trail Drivers Park, located at 2502 Guenther Avenue, Fort Worth, Texas 76106.

DISCUSSION:

Artist Karla Garcia’s design for Trail Drivers Park reimagines the dandelion, a wide-spreading seed flower, on a larger-than-life scale. Transforming the distinct “T-shape” clusters of the plant, the sculptural sphere includes a series of six hundred twenty-four (624) mirrored longhorn petals which create a sense of repetition and movement symbolic of the legacy and history of the area while reflecting today’s community as one.

The eight-foot (8’) diameter sculpture is comprised of a brushed steel core and stainless steel branches. Each branch holds five to six (5-6) mirrored stainless steel rounded longhorn petals increasing from roughly five inches to twelve inches (5”-12”) in length as they move out from the core. The sculpture floats three inches (3”) above an exposed charcoal colored concrete foundation measuring 10 feet (10’) in diameter and reaching six inches (6”) above grade. The sculptural foundation begins approximately twenty feet (20’) from an existing pathway, making it highly visible to visitors walking through the park and passersby on Northeast 28th Street. If, during the course of fabrication, it is determined that contingency funds exceed needs, the artist will consider adding artwork lighting.

The Trail Drivers Park Public Art Project Core Team, composed of community stakeholders whom Council Member Carlos Flores invited to participate, expressed interest in an artwork that told their collective story. Garcia asked them to complete a short survey about their neighborhood which resulted in several common themes, including heritage, diversity, and the importance of community-driven efforts. The artwork design considers the landscape as well as the area’s inclusion in the historic cattle trail from Mexico to Texas, which served as a migration path of people and culture.

Fort Worth Art Commission (FWAC) Action:

On July 11, 2022, the Fort Worth Art Commission approved the Final Design and recommended Karla Garcia be placed under an artwork commission contract. The approved design was presented to the Park and Recreation Advisory Board on July 27, 2022 as an Information Item. This Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is subject to their endorsement of the artwork location in Trail Drivers Park by the board on August 24, 2022.

Funding for the Trail Drivers Park Public Art Project was approved as part of the *Public Art Plan for the 2014 Bond Program*, Proposition 2, adopted by the Fort Worth City Council on October 21, 2014 as M&C G-18339. Additional funding for the project was included in the Fiscal Year 2020 Fund Reprogramming Plan, adopted by the Fort Worth City Council on April 7, 2020 as M&C 20-0205. The project was included in the *Fort Worth Public Art Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Work Plan*, adopted by the Fort Worth City Council November 9, 2021 as M&C 21-0830.

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 \$1,200.00.

PROJECT BUDGET	AMOUNT	CONTRACT
Public Art Project Management Allocation	\$34,331.17	CSC #54598
Preliminary Design	\$7,050.00	CSC #55322
Final Design	\$12,500.00	CSC #56585

Commission and Contingencies	\$118,100.00	This M&C
TOTAL	\$171,981.17	

FUNDING SOURCES	AMOUNT
2014 Bond Program, Proposition 2	\$75,000.00
2004 Bond Program, Proposition 2 (FY 2020 Reprogramming)	\$96,981.17
TOTAL	\$171,981.17

Funding is budgeted in the Dev Svcs Other General Gov Department's 2014 Bond Program Fund and the PARD Improvements Fund for the purpose of funding the FWPA Trail Drivers Park project, as appropriated.

BUSINESS DIVERSITY OFFICE – The City's overall M/WBE goal for the Fort Worth Public Art Program is 25 percent to total capital project dollars expended on public art annually. The Business Equity Division waived the Business Equity Goal requirement because most artists are individuals and not businesses. The Arts Council of Fort Worth and Tarrant County, Inc., D/B/A Arts Fort Worth have agreed that 25% of all artists commissioned will be a minority individual(s) or a minority business owner(s). Arts Fort Worth and the Planning and Data Analytics Department will report its utilization to the Business Equity Division on a bi-annual basis at the end of March and September.

Council Member Carlos Flores concurs with the FWAC's recommendation for Karla Garcia to fabricate, deliver, and install artwork at Trail Drivers Park.

This project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 2.

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 PARD Improvements Fund for the FWPA Trail Drivers Park project to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the commission contract. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Development Services Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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