

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 03/31/26

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 26-0210

**LOG NAME:** 84EUGENE MCCRAY COMMUNITY CENTER PUBLIC ART PROJECT

**SUBJECT**

(CD 11) Authorize Execution of Artwork Commission Contract with Jeremy Biggers in an Amount Up to \$55,539.00 for Fabrication, Delivery, Installation, and Contingencies for Artwork at Eugene McCray Community Center, Located at 4932 Wilbarger Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76119

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of an Artwork Commission Contract with Jeremy Biggers in an amount up to \$55,539.00 for fabrication, delivery, installation, and contingencies for artwork at Eugene McCray Community Center, located at 4932 Wilbarger Street, Fort Worth Texas 76119.

**DISCUSSION:**

Jeremy Biggers' Final Design for artwork at the Eugene McCray Community Center celebrates Fort Worth's vibrant history, culture, and future through a large mural. At its heart are two young girls, embodying endless possibilities as they look ahead. Embracing each other, they symbolize care, love, and neighborly compassion. A vintage photo of local trailblazer Eugene McCray honors those who have shaped Fort Worth's legacy.

The inclusion of the Juneteenth flag icon underscores Fort Worth's pivotal role in championing this historic event. A nod to the past is seen in the streetcar design and number "6," representing the historic stop that once connected Fort Worth to other North Texas metropolitan areas, instrumental in building the community, fostering connections, and shaping the City's growth. The Wildcat Panther symbolizes both the Bethune-Cookman University, where Eugene McCray attended college, and Fort Worth's "Panther City" nickname. Additional elements are drawn from the shapes within the map of Southeast Fort Worth. Through this mural, Biggers aims to intertwine the threads of history, community, and hope, celebrating Fort Worth's remarkable individuals and stories while inspiring future generations to continue that legacy. The mural will span the entire west exterior wall and doors, approximately seventeen feet tall and seventy-seven feet long.

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

On October 20, 2025, the Fort Worth Art Commission approved the Final Design and recommended that Jeremy Biggers be placed under an artwork commission contract. The Park and Recreation Advisory Board endorsed the location of the artwork on December 17, 2025.

Funding for the Eugene McCray Community Center 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 22, 2014, as M&C G-18339. The project was included in the *Fort Worth Public Art Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Work Plan*, adopted by the Fort Worth City Council on December 9, 2025, as M&C 25-1127.

The artist shall require subcontractors to obtain 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.

PROJECT BUDGET	AMOUNT	CONTRACT
Public Art Project Management Allocation	N/A	N/A
Conceptual Design Proposal	\$1,500.00	City Secretary Contract (CSC) #62309
Final Design	\$3,161.00	City Secretary Contract (CSC) #62309-AD5
Commission and Contingencies	\$55,539.00	This M&C
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$60,200.00</b>	

<b>FUNDING SOURCES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
2014 Bond Program	\$60,200.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$60,200.00</b>

Councilmember Jeanette Martinez concurs with the FWAC's recommendation for Jeremy Biggers to fabricate, deliver, and install artwork at Eugene McCray Community Center.

This project is in COUNCIL DISTRICT 11

**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 for the FWPA - Eugene McCray Rec Ctr project to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the contract. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Library Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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