

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 04/26/22

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 22-0296

**LOG NAME:** 03FAR SOUTHWEST LIBRARY PUBLIC ART PROJECT

## **SUBJECT**

(CD 6) Authorize Execution of a Final Design and Commission Contract with Area C Projects in an Amount Up to \$155,104.00 for Final Design, Engineering, Fabrication, Delivery, Installation and Contingencies for Artwork for the Far Southwest Library, Located at the Southeast Corner of McCart Avenue and West Risinger Road, Fort Worth, Texas, 76123

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of a final design and commission contract with Area C Projects in an amount up to \$155,104.00 for final design, engineering, fabrication, delivery, installation and contingencies for artwork for the Far Southwest Library the southeast corner of McCart Avenue and West Risinger Road, Fort Worth, Texas, 76123.

## **DISCUSSION:**

This Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) authorizes the execution of a final design and commission contract with Area C Projects in an amount up to \$155,104.00 for final design, engineering, fabrication, delivery, installation and contingencies for artwork for the Far Southwest Library.

Area C Projects' artwork for Far Southwest Library, titled *Fabled*, draws upon the library's role as a teller of stories and stories as creators of place. The artists propose that what people know about a place comes from the stories it tells about itself. The artwork takes the form of an interior, upright sculpture composed of long, rectangular, slender wooden and glass rods that appear to be descending from the ceiling. The artwork form steps off from the form of a pillar, one that is not complete but rather captured in the act of assembling itself. From the ceiling of the library lantern its individual parts fall in fragments that each find their place within the developing core structure below.

While the core form represents the stories already in place, the falling pieces represent the voices of community members who have not yet been born or arrived here – the voices from which a strong core of tales will continue to grow. The glass elements will allow visitors to peer down or look up into apertures, revealing digital content, text and images. Many wood elements will have text phrases and topography etched into them. In this way, the content elements are layered and changeable, so that the experience is always fresh for the viewer.

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

On April 19, 2021 the FWAC approved the Selection Panel's recommendation of Area C Projects for the Far Southwest Library public art project.

On June 30, 2021, Area C Projects was placed under a Preliminary Design Agreement (City Secretary Contract No. 55916) in an amount up to \$11,371.00.

On February 21, 2022, the FWAC approved the Preliminary Design and recommended that the artist be placed under a Final Design and Commission Contract.

Funds for public art for the Far Southwest Library project in the amount of \$193,500.00 were included in Proposition C of the 2018 Bond Program, adopted by City Council on October 16, 2018 (M&C G-19401). This project is included in the Fort Worth Public Art Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Work Plan, adopted by the Fort Worth City Council on November 9, 2021 (M&C 21-0830).

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 on this project is anticipated to be \$500.00.

<b>PROJECT BUDGET</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>CONTRACT</b>
Public Art Project Management Allocation	\$29,025.00	CSC #54598
Preliminary Design	\$9,371.00	CSC #55916
Final Design and Commission	\$155,104.00	This M&C

Contract with Contingencies		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$193,500.00</b>	

Funding Sources	Amount
2018 Bond	\$193,500.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$193,500.00</b>

Funding is budgeted in the Property Management Other General Gov Department's 2018 Bond Program Fund for the purpose of funding the FWPA SW Library project, as appropriated.

BUSINESS DIVERSITY OFFICE - The City's overall M/WBE goal for the Fort Worth Public Art Program is 25 percent of 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). The 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 Jared Williams concurs with the FWAC's recommendation for Area C Projects to develop a Final Design and complete engineering, and, upon approval, fabricate, deliver, and install artwork in the Far Southwest Library.

This project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 6.

**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current capital budget, as previously appropriated, in the 2018 Bond Program Fund for the FWPA SWL ibrary project to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the commission contract. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Property Management Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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