

City of Fort Worth, Texas

# Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 06/10/25M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0476

LOG NAME: 84MEACHAM CORRIDOR PUBLIC ART PROJECT

SUBJECT

(CD 2) Authorize Execution of Artwork Commission Contract with Vicki Scuri d/b/a Vicki Scuri Siteworks in an Amount Up to \$269,835.00 for Fabrication, Delivery, Installation, and Contingencies for Artwork Located Along Meacham Boulevard at the Intersections of Polaris Drive and Painted Horse Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76137

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of an Artwork Commission Contract with Vicki Scuri d/b/a Vicki Scuri Siteworks in an amount up to \$269,835.00 for fabrication, delivery, installation, and contingencies for artwork along Meacham Corridor at the intersections of Polaris Drive and Painted Horse Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76137 (Council District 2).

DISCUSSION:

Bridges carry many metaphorical meanings, and the bridges along Meacham Boulevard at Polaris Drive and Painted Horse Drive mark crossings over water, a natural landscape feature the artist has chosen to celebrate. For the Meacham Corridor Public Art project (City Project No. 101985), Vicki Scuri’s design includes a series of translucent fins stretching along the railings of these two bridges to create a sequenced gesture that will lead motorists along the boulevard, strengthening the artistic expression into a landmark.

The colorful design utilizes seven (7) rich hues inspired by the Texas skies. Totalling one hundred thirty-seven (137) fins, the work graduates and blends through the hues of dawn and dusk along the length of the bridges. At the center of the crossings, the vibrant greenish blue identifies the water below. The translucent material quality and colors of the fins respond to changes in light and viewing angle, maximizing the amount of sun they catch and their visibility along the road. Speed, direction, motion, and time of day will all change the expression of the art, allowing each pass to be a new experience.

This expansive artwork stretches across more than five hundred feet (500’) of Meacham Boulevard in total with approximately one hundred thirty feet (130’) in length on the western bridge and eighty-five feet (85’) on the eastern bridge. Each KodaXT fin is approximately two feet-nine inches (2’-9”) tall by nine inches (9”) wide. Additionally, painted aluminum block-out inserts approximately twelve inches (12”) high by eighteen inches (18”) wide will be added to the bridges’ retaining walls to underscore the design. The bridges will be painted to accent these architectural features with a tangerine orange on the railing and a two-tone brown on the concrete barrier, the darker tone creating a stripe in coordination with the inlets.

Fort Worth Art Commission (FWAC) Action:

On January 27, 2025, the Fort Worth Art Commission approved the Final Design and recommended Vicki Scuri d/b/a Vicki Scuri Siteworks be placed under an artwork commission contract. The Final Design was subsequently approved by Texas Department of Transportation on April 23, 2025.

Funding for the Meacham Corridor Public Art Project was approved as part of the *Public Art Plan for the 2018 Bond Program*, adopted by the Fort Worth City Council on November 6, 2018 as Mayor & Council Communication (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 funds.

Estimated regular maintenance for the artwork is anticipated to be \$2,000.00. Artwork maintenance does not include patchwork, structural, or functional bridge repair, which is to be performed by the City of Fort Worth Transportation & Public Works Department.

Funding is budgeted in the 2018 Bond Program Fund for the Library Department for the purpose of funding the FWPA Meachum Corridor project, as appropriated.

PROJECT BUDGET	AMOUNT	CONTRACT
Public Art Project Management Allocation	\$37,500.00	City Secretary Contract (CSC) #62494
Conceptual and Final	\$67,665.00	CSC #59678

Design		
Commission and Contingencies	\$269,835.00	This M&C
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$375,000.00</b>	

FUNDING SOURCES	AMOUNT
2018 Bond Program, Proposition A	\$375,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$375,000.00</b>

**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 has 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 Carlos Flores concurs with the FWAC's recommendation for Vicki Scuri d/b/a Vicki Scuri Siteworks to fabricate, deliver, and install artwork along the Meacham Corridor.

This project is 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 2018 Bond Program Fund for the FWPA Meacham Corridor 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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