

City of Fort Worth, Texas

# Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 04/22/25M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0319

LOG NAME: 84084 CIQUIO VASQUEZ PARK PUBLIC ART PROJECT

SUBJECT

(CD 11) Authorize the Execution of an Artwork Commission Contract with Give One Studio, LLC in an Amount Up to \$190,789.48 for Final Fabrication, Delivery, Installation, and Contingencies for Artwork at Ciquio Vasquez Park, Located at 1000 Echo Lake Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76110 (City Project No. 104707)

RECOMMENDATION:

(CD 11) It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of an Artwork Commission Contract with Give One Studio, LLC in an amount up to \$190,789.48 for final fabrication, delivery, installation, and contingencies for artwork at Ciquio Vasquez Park, located at 1000 Echo Lake Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76110 (City Project No. 104707).

DISCUSSION:

Give One Studio, LLC’s Final Design, *Echoes*, honors Ciquio Vasquez, for whom the park is named, and reflects community values, culture, and history. In response to the Project Core Team’s interest in artwork that reflects the importance of creative play, education, and community building, the artist has designed two sculptural mosaic mural walls and connecting mosaic floor in-sets for the concrete plaza. Elements from the Mexican Serape blanket and African Kente cloth weave together the respective Latino and African American populations who use the park and reside nearby. The artwork will include various types of tiles including Mexican smalti and vitreous pixel glass tiles, photo tiles depicting the life and legacy of Mr. Vasquez, and community-crafted ceramic tiles.

The mosaic sculptures will span the east end of the Memorial Lookout Plaza, adjacent to the Worth Heights Community Center and overlooking Echo Lake. Connected to the trail system, the artwork will be visible from all angles within the park and along the main road, Cole Street. Each sculpture will span 15 feet in width, 18 inches deep, and range in height from 3 to 6 feet.

Fort Worth Art Commission (FWAC) Action:

On December 16, 2024, the Fort Worth Art Commission approved the Final Design and recommended Give One Studio, LLC be placed under an Artwork Commission Contract. The Park and Recreation Advisory Board endorsed the location of the artwork on March 26, 2025.

Funding for the Ciquio Vasquez Park Public Art Project was approved as part of the Public Art Plan for the 2022 Bond Program, Proposition B, CF2 Refrence (22021299) , adopted by the Fort Worth City Council on October 17, 2023, as M&C 23-0844. Funding is budgeted in the 2022 Bond Program Fund for the Library Department for the purpose of funding the FWPA C. Vasquez Park project, as appropriated.

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 artwork associated with this overall project is anticipated to be a total of \$1,500.00.

PROJECT BUDGET	AMOUNT	CONTRACT
Public Art Project Management Allocation	\$34,500.00	City Secretary Contract (CSC) #62494
Preliminary Design	\$11,910.00	CSC #60783
Final Design	\$12,800.52	CSC #62366
Commission and Contingencies	\$190,789.48	This M&C
TOTAL	\$250,000.00	

FUNDING SOURCES	AMOUNT
2022 Bond Program, Proposition B	\$250,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$250,000.00</b>

This project is included in the 2022 Bond Program. The City's Extendable Commercial Paper (ECP) (M&C 22-0607; Ordinance 25675-08-2022) provides liquidity to support the appropriation. Available resources will be used to actually make any interim progress payments until debt is issued. Once debt associated with a project is sold, debt proceeds will reimburse the interim financing source in accordance with the statement expressing official Intent to Reimburse that was adopted as part of the ordinance canvassing the bond election (Ordinance 25515-05-2022).

**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 Jeanette Martinez concurs with the FWAC's recommendation for Give One Studio, LLC to fabricate, deliver, and install artwork at Ciquio Vasquez Park.

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 2022 Bond Program Fund for the FWPA C. Vasquez Park 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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