

# Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 03/09/21

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 21-0189

LOG NAME: 03N ANIMAL CONTROL PUBLIC ART PROJECT

**SUBJECT**

(CD 7) Authorize Execution of an Artwork Commission Agreement with Julie Richey Mosaics, LLC, in an Amount Up to \$320,455.00 for Fabrication, Delivery, Installation, and Contingencies for Artwork at the North Animal Care and Adoption Campus, 301 Hillshire Drive, 76052 and Find That the Use of Funds for Public Art for this Project Complies with the Voted Purpose of the Bond Funds (2014 and 2018 Bond Program)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the execution of an Artwork Commission Contract with Julie Richey Mosaics, LLC in an amount up to \$320,455.00 for fabrication, delivery, installation, and contingencies for artwork at the North Animal Care and Adoption Campus, 301 Hillshire Drive, 76052; and
2. Find that the use of the funds for public art for this project complies with the voted purpose of the bond funds.

**DISCUSSION:**

Artist Julie Richey has designed artworks that are located primarily on the North Animal Care and Adoption Campus but are also visible from the adjacent Hillshire Drop-off Center and North Service Center. The campus-style nature of the facility and the fact that users will visit multiple areas within the campus provide a unique opportunity to create multiple site-specific works that achieve the following goals:

- To create original, interactive art elements that are both visitor-engaging and complementary to the structures.
- To encourage animal adoptions by the visiting public by presenting the best aspects of our pets: their playfulness, energy, and devotion to their adoptive families
- To integrate the artworks into the breadth of the campus, thereby encouraging visitors to explore the many buildings, walkways, and outdoor features of the site.

The artwork design features playful cat and dog mosaic sculptures, both flat and three-dimensional, that represent various breeds in five (5) distinct areas of the campus: The vehicular entrance; the Adoption Center entrance, interior, and rear exterior gathering space; and the promenade in front of the Veterinary Clinic.

Three large gabion-style towers with a cut-out style flat mosaic dog sitting atop each will mark the entrance to the campus. Two larger-than-life, three-dimensional sculptures clad in mosaic tile will provide great opportunities for visitors to take a photo with their newly-adopted pet or celebrate their volunteer hours. A hand-painted mural by native Texas artist John Wehrle will grace the interior of the Adoption Center. Outside, flat "cut-out" style dogs featuring hand-crafted mosaics will give a feeling of movement and draw visitors further into the campus toward the dog kennels.

**Fort Worth Art Commission (FWAC) Action:** On August 10, 2020, the FWAC approved Julie Richey’s Preliminary Design and on December 14, 2020, the FWAC approved the Final Design and recommended that the artist be placed under an Artwork Commission Agreement.

Funding for the project has been allocated from the 2014 Bond Program as part of the *Public Art Plan for the 2014 Bond Program*, adopted by the Fort Worth City Council on October 21, 2014, (M&C G-18339) and from the 2018 Bond Program as part of the *Public Art Plan for the 2018 Bond Program*, adopted by the Fort Worth City Council on October 16, 2018 (M&C G-19401). The project was included in the *Fort Worth Public Art Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Work Plan*, adopted by the Fort Worth City Council on September 22, 2020 (M&C 20-0678).

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.

Annual maintenance on this project is anticipated to be \$800.00.

PROJECT BUDGET	AMOUNT	CONTRACT
Public Art Project Management Allocation	\$45,900.00	CSC #54598
Selection Process Contracts	\$965.00	CSC #52874, 52814

Preliminary Design Contract	\$14,780.00	CSC #53438
Final Design Contract	\$29,700.00	CSC #55140
Commission and Contingency	\$320,455.00	This M&C
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$411,800.00</b>	

<b>FUNDING SOURCES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
2014 Bond Program, Prop. 6	\$95,700.00
2014 Bond Program, Prop. 7	\$46,100.00
2018 Bond Program, Prop. E	\$270,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$411,800.00</b>

This project is included in the 2018 Bond Program. Available resources within the General Fund will be used to provide interim financing until debt is issued. Once debt associated with the project is sold, bond proceeds will reimburse the General Fund in accordance with the statement expressing official Intent to Reimburse that was adopted as part of the ordinance canvassing the bond election (Ordinance No. 23209-05-2018) and subsequent actions taken by the Mayor and Council.

M/WBE 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.

Council Member Dennis Shingleton concurs with the FWAC's recommendation to proceed with the commission of the North Animal Care and Adoption Campus Public Art Project.

**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current capital budget, as previously appropriated, in the 2014 and 2018 Bond Program Funds for the FWPA – North Service Center, FWPA - Animal Control North, and FWPA N Animal Shelter projects to support the approval of the above recommendations and execution of the contract. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Planning & Data Analytics Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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