

# Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 03ROSEMONT PARK PUBLIC ART PROJECT

## **SUBJECT**

(CD 9) Authorize Execution of a Final Design and Commission Contract with Virginia Fleck in an Amount Up to \$147,418.00 for Final Design, Engineering, Fabrication, Delivery, Installation and Contingencies for Artwork at Rosemont Park, 1400 West Seminary Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76115 (2008 Bond Program)

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of a Final Design and Commission Contract with Virginia Fleck in an amount up to \$147,418.00 for final design, engineering, fabrication, delivery, installation and contingencies for artwork at 1400 West Seminary Drive, Fort Worth, Texas 76115

## **DISCUSSION:**

Upon learning of the community's interest in an artwork that is engaging to a multigenerational, multicultural audience, artist Virginia Fleck designed a sensory maze for Rosemont Park which focuses on connectedness through various forms of weaving. The one hundred ten (110) brightly colored vertical steel beams that create this experiential sculpture intentionally form a three-dimensional mandala, a geometric figure associated with wholeness and healing.

Made of three (3) concentric circles, visitors are invited to explore the maze through sight, touch, and sound. The overall design creates a moire pattern visual effect as viewers move around and weave through the sculpture. It also yields sound effects as their fingers are run along these beams, which are carefully placed as musical notes. Making their way to the center, viewers will find themselves reflected in the interior beam's mirrored surface. Each flicker, shimmer, and sound create a rhythmic effect that altogether activate sensory experiences which are designed to bring individuals back to their own center.

Virginia Fleck's sensory maze spans twenty-four (24) feet in diameter and stands up to eleven (11) feet six (6) inches in height. The artwork will be situated on a curbed decomposed granite pad thirty (30) feet in diameter with each maze pathway measuring three (3) feet wide for Americans with Disability Act accessibility.

On December 19, 2019, Virginia Fleck was placed under a Preliminary Design Agreement (City Secretary Contract No. 53297, 53297-A1) in an amount up to \$9,897.00.

**Fort Worth Art Commission (FWAC) Action:** On July 19, 2021, the FWAC approved the Preliminary Design and recommended that the artist be placed under a Final Design and Commission Contract. The Park and Recreation Advisory Board will be asked to endorse the selected location following the Art Commission's approval of the final design.

The City of Fort Worth completed improvements along 6th Avenue as part of the 2008 Bond Program. This included improvements at the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Seminary Drive. Due to its proximity to these improvements, the southeast area of Rosemont Park, located at this same intersection (see attachment), was identified as an impactful location for public art. Funding for the project was approved as part of the *Public Art Plan for the 2008 Bond Program*, Proposition 1, adopted by the Fort Worth City Council on October 26, 2010 (M&C G-17094). The project was included in the *Fort Worth Public Art Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Work Plan*, adopted by the Fort Worth City Council 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.

Estimated regular maintenance on this project is anticipated to be \$1,200.00.

The anticipated completion date for this project, and the expenditure of all related funds, is Fall 2022. If there are delays and the debt funds are not fully expended by the end of 2022, then City management will determine whether to move the unspent balance to debt service at the end of 2022.

PROJECT BUDGET	AMOUNT	CONTRACT
Public Art Project Management Allocation	\$31,288.00	CSC #54598
Selection Process	\$900.00	CSC #52948, 52952

Contracts		
Preliminary Design Contract	\$8,122.00	CSC #53297
Final Design and Commission Contract	\$147,418.00	This M&C
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$187,728.00</b>	

<b>FUNDING SOURCES</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
2008 Bond Program, Proposition 1	\$187,728.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$187,728.00</b>

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 Elizabeth Beck concurs with the FWAC's recommendation to proceed with the final design and commission of the Rosemont Park Public Art Project.

This project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 9.

**FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:**

The Director of Finance certifies that funds are available in the current capital budget, as previously appropriated, in the Street Improvements 2008 Fund for the FWPA-Rosemont Park project to support the approval of the above recommendations and execution of the commission 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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