

City of Fort Worth, Texas

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 02/25/25M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 25-0130

LOG NAME: 84SYCAMORE PARK PUBLIC ART PROJECT

SUBJECT

(CD 8) Authorize Execution of Artwork Commission Contract with Skyrim Studio, Inc. in an Amount Up to \$305,682.00 for Fabrication, Delivery, Installation and Contingencies for Artwork at Sycamore Park, Located at 2400 E. Vickery Blvd, Fort Worth, Texas, 76104

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of an Artwork Commission Contract with Skyrim Studio, Inc. in an amount up to \$305,682.00 for final fabrication, delivery, installation and contingencies for artwork at Sycamore Park, located at 2400 E. Vickery Blvd, Fort Worth, Texas, 76104.

DISCUSSION:

Skyrim Studio's Final Design for Sycamore Park, titled *Energetic*, is inspired by the natural environment and recreational activity happening in the park. In response to the Project Core Team's interest in artwork that reflects the importance of creative play, education, and community building, Skyrim Studio has designed a figure-eight-like sculpture with curvilinear details. The metal surface of the artwork displays a colorful triangular pattern that conveys the action, speed and movement of recreational activities. Phrases collected from the community will be integrated into the bands, creating a cohesive storyline and educational opportunity. The theme of the language will revolve around the past, present and future dreams of visitors to Sycamore Park.

During the day, shadow patterns from the text and geometric forms will be a prominent feature on the ground plane. At night, the form will be softly illuminated. The painted metal sculpture will stand 20 feet 6 inches high, 12 feet 7 inches wide and 11 feet 2 inches long. The artwork will span over a walkway near the playground area.

Fort Worth Art Commission (FWAC) Action:

On October 21, 2024, the Fort Worth Art Commission approved the Final Design and recommended Skyrim Studio, Inc. be placed under an artwork commission contract. The Park and Recreation Advisory Board endorsed the location of artwork on December 18, 2024.

Funding for the Sycamore Park Public Art Project was approved as part of the *Public Art Plan for the 2018 Bond Program*, Proposition A adopted by the Fort Worth City Council on November 6, 2018, as Mayor and Council G-19412. Additional funding for the project was allocated from the 2018 Bond Program, Proposition B, using residuals from completed projects. 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 Bond funds.

Estimated annual maintenance for both artworks associated with this overall project is anticipated to be a total of \$2,000.00.

| PROJECT BUDGET | AMOUNT | CONTRACT |
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| Public Art Project Management Allocation | \$36,580.00 | City Secretary Contract (CSC) #54598 |
| Preliminary Design | \$15,188.00 | City Secretary Contract (CSC) #58657 |
| Final Design | \$31,550.00 | City Secretary Contract (CSC) #58657-A1 |
| Commission and Contingencies | \$305,682.00 | This Mayor and Council (M&C) |

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| TOTAL | \$389,000.00 |
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| FUNDING SOURCES | AMOUNT |
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| 2018 Bond Program, Proposition A | \$375,000.00 |
| 2018 Bond Program, Proposition B | \$14,000.00 |
| TOTAL | \$389,000.00 |

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 have 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 Chris Nettles concurs with the FWAC's recommendation for Skyrim Studio, Inc. to fabricate, deliver, and install artwork at Sycamore Park.

This project is in COUNCIL DISTRICT 8.

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 Sycamore 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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