

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 03NORTHWEST COMMUNITY CENTER PUBLIC ART

SUBJECT

(CD 7) Authorize Execution of a Final Design and Commission Contract with Social Space LLC in an Amount Up to \$162,511.00 for Final Design, Engineering, Fabrication, Delivery, Installation and Contingencies for Artwork for the Northwest Community Center, to be Located in the Southeast Corner of Northwest Community Park, 8575 Blue Mound Road, 76131

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council authorize execution of a final design and commission contract with Social Space LLC. in an amount up to \$162,511.00 for final design, engineering, fabrication, delivery, installation and contingencies for artwork for the Northwest Community Center, to be located in the southeast corner of Northwest Community Park, 8575 Blue Mound Road, 76131.

DISCUSSION:

This Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) is to authorize execution of a final design and commission contract with Social Space LLC. in an amount up to \$162,511.00 for final design, engineering, fabrication, delivery, installation and contingencies for artwork for the Northwest Community Center.

Social Space LLC's artwork for Northwest Community Center entitled, *Open Plains*, brings the outdoors in by transposing a natural scene into the new community center lobby.

As patrons enter the building, they see a "grassy hill" in the middle of the lobby space. Proceeding further into the building, they will look up and see a small group of "birds" gently moving their wings and "flying" in a circle above the "hill".

The "grassy hill" will be centered in the space underneath the birds, replacing some of the architecturally specified seating in this reception area. The durable structure will be upholstered in varieties of artificial turf that approximate colors and textures of the local native landscape. Designed to be climbed on, it will provide multiple, inviting, organic seating arrangements. The "birds" will be animated by a small fan that will push them forward and cause their wings to slowly flap.

This whimsical, playful artwork is designed to give the viewer the experience of connecting with the open landscape of Northwest Community Park that surrounds the community center.

Fort Worth Art Commission (FWAC) Action:

On February 22, 2021 the FWAC approved the Selection Panel's recommendation of Social Space LLC for the Northwest Community Center public art project.

On November 18, 2021, Social Space LLC was placed under a Preliminary Design Agreement (City Secretary Contract No. 56709) in an amount up to \$20,061.00.

On February 21, 2022, the FWAC approved the Preliminary Design and recommended that the artist be placed under a Final Design and Commission Contract.

Funds for public art for the Northwest Community Center project in the amount of \$211,533.00 were included in the *Public Art Plan for the 2018 Bond Program*, Proposition B, adopted by City Council on October 16, 2018 (M&C G-19401). This project is included in the Fort Worth Public Art Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Work Plan, adopted by the Fort Worth City Council on November 9, 2021 (M&C 21-0830).

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 on this project is anticipated to be \$500.00.

Project Budget	Amount	City Secretary Contract
Project Management Allocation	\$35,961.00	CSC #54598
Preliminary Design	\$13,061.00	CSC #56709
Final Design & Commission	162,511.00	This M&C
Total	\$211,533.00	

Funding Sources	Amount
2018 Bond	\$211,533.00
Total	\$211,533.00

Funding is budgeted in the Development Services Other General Gov Department's 2018 Bond Program Fund for the purpose of funding the FWPA NW Community Center project, as appropriated.

BUSINESS DIVERSITY 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. The Business Equity Division waived the Business Equity Goal requirement because most artists are individuals and not businesses. THE ARTS COUNCIL OF FORT WORTH AND TARRANT COUNTY, INC. D/B/A ARTS FORT WORTH have agreed that 25% of all artists commissioned will be a minority individual(s) or a minority business owner(s). The Arts Fort Worth and the Planning and Data Analytics Department will report its utilization to the Business Equity Division on a bi-annual basis at the end of March and September.

Council Member Leonard Firestone concurs with the FWAC's recommendation for Social Space LLC to develop a Final Design and complete engineering and, upon approval, fabricate, deliver, and install artwork in the Northwest Community Center.

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 NW Community Ctr project to support the approval of the above recommendation and execution of the commission contract. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, the Development Services Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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