

# Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 03UNIVERSAL PLAYGROUND PUBLIC ART PROJECT

**SUBJECT**

(CD 4) Authorize Execution of an Artwork Commission Contract with Steven Parker, LLC in an Amount Up to \$137,299.00 for Fabrication, Delivery, Installation and Contingencies for Artwork at Universal Playground within North Park, Located at 9000 N. Beach Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76244

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the execution of an artwork commission contract with Steven Parker, LLC in an amount up to \$137,299.00 for fabrication, delivery, installation and contingencies for artwork at Universal Playground within North Park, located at 9000 N. Beach Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76244.

**DISCUSSION:**

This Mayor and Council Communication (M&C) authorizes the execution of an artwork commission contract with Steven Parker, LLC in an amount up to \$137,299.00 for fabrication, delivery, installation and contingencies for artwork at Universal Playground within North Park.

Steven Parker, LLC's *Listening Trees* is a series of three (3) interactive musical sculptures. The direction of the work is based on the powerful symbolism of trees and bells: trees are representative of growth and strength; bells represent solace fellowship, and a way to remember loved ones.

Parker's sculptures are created with a steel tubing skeleton up to six (6) inches thick; instruments are permanently attached with welded steel straps. Each sculpture rests atop a six foot (6') square platform that is eighteen inches (18") high. Artworks overall height range from fifteen feet (15') to nineteen feet (19'). Approximately forty (40) bells and chimes made at community workshops will be added to the sculptures, up to fifteen (15) per tree. *Listening Trees* will be placed along the sidewalk trail leading to Universal Playground, greeting visitors as they arrive to North Park. Two (2) of the three (3) sculptures are located eighteen (18) inches from the walkway for ease of accessibility while the last sculpture is placed in proximity to the playground near a future park development per the North Park Master Plan.

**Fort Worth Art Commission (FWAC) Action:**

On April 19, 2022, the Fort Worth Art Commission approved the Final Design and recommended Steven Parker LLC be placed under an artwork commission contract. The Park and Recreation Advisory Board endorsed the location of artwork on June 22, 2022.

Funding for the Universal Playground Public Art Project was approved as part of the *Public Art Plan for the 2018 Bond Program*, Proposition 2, adopted by the Fort Worth City Council on November 6, 2018 as M&C G-19401. The project was included in the *Fort Worth Public Art Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Work Plan*, adopted by the Fort Worth City Council November 9, 2021 as M&C 21-0830.

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      |
|--|---------------------|---------------|
| Public Art Project Management Allocation | \$40,000.00         | CSC #54598    |
| Preliminary Design                       | \$9,000.00          | CSC #55766-A1 |
| Final Design                             | \$13,700.00         | CSC #57043    |
| Commission and Contingencies             | \$137,299.00        | This M&C      |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                             | <b>\$199,999.00</b> |               |

| <b>FUNDING SOURCES</b>           | <b>AMOUNT</b>       |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 2018 Bond Program, Proposition 2 | \$199,999.00        |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                     | <b>\$199,999.00</b> |

DVIN BUSINESS EQUITY – The City's overall M/WBE goal for the Fort Worth Public Art Program is 25 percent to 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 Alan Blaylock concurs with the FWAC's recommendation for Steven Parker, LLC to fabricate, deliver, and install artwork at Universal Playground within North Park.

This project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 4.

**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 Universal Playground project 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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