

# Mayor and Council Communication

**DATE:** 01/12/21

**M&C FILE NUMBER:** M&C 21-0007

**LOG NAME:** 03ROCKWOOD CLUBHOUSE PUBLIC ART PROJECT

**SUBJECT**

(CD 2) Authorize Execution of an Artwork Commission Contract with Laura Walters, in an Amount Up to \$146,727.00 for Fabrication, Delivery, Installation, and Contingencies for Artwork for the New Rockwood Clubhouse, Located in Rockwood Golf Course and Rockwood Park at 1851 Jacksboro Highway, Fort Worth, Texas, 76114, and Find that the Use of Funds for Public Art for this Project Complies with the Voted Purpose of the Bond Funds

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the execution of an artwork commission contract with Laura Walters in an amount up to \$146,727.00 for fabrication, delivery, installation, and contingencies for artwork at the new Rockwood Clubhouse, located in Rockwood Golf Course and Rockwood Park at 1851 Jacksboro Highway, Fort Worth, Texas, 76114; 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 Laura Walters' artwork design for Rockwood Clubhouse is titled "*Parallel Evolution*". The sculpture is informed by the principles of the universal Golden Ratio which are demonstrated in the spiraling shell of fossilized ammonites found on the site and the arc of a golf ball's flight and the trajectory of a golfers' swing. These elements, along with the upward sweeping canopy of the mature live oak trees on the golf course, came together as the artist's inspiration.

Standing twenty (20) feet in height tall and twelve (12) feet in diameter at its widest point, the sculpture will be constructed of stainless steel tubing to create open curvilinear forms referencing the golf swing and ammonite fossils, casting a complex shadow pattern on the ground. The steel will be painted a soft yellow color to contrast with the sky and golf greens and will be lit at night by in-ground and above-ground mounted LED lights.

The artwork will be sited in a landscaped median in front of the new Rockwood Clubhouse and will be visible from the golf course and Jacksboro Highway.

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

On June 8, 2020, the FWAC approved the Preliminary Design by Laura Walters and recommended that she be placed under a Final Design contract.

On October 12, 2020, the FWAC approved the Final Design by Laura Walters and recommended that she be placed under an artwork commission contract. On November 16, 2020, the FWAC approved the Revised Final Design, which included a color change made by the artist in response to requests received from stakeholders after the October meeting.

Funding for the project is reflected in the Public Art Plan for the 2018 Bond Program (Proposition D), adopted by City Council on November 6, 2018 (M&C G-19401). The project was included in the Fort Worth Public Art Fiscal Year 2021 Annual Work Plan by City Council on September 22, 2020, as M&C 20-0678.

**Park Advisory Board Endorsement:**

Staff made a presentation to the Park Advisory Board on December 9, 2020 and it is anticipated that they will endorse the placement of the sculpture at Rockwood Clubhouse on January 27, 2021.

The artist shall require her 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 \$1,200.00.

Project Budget	Amount	City Secretary Contract
Project Management Allocation	\$42,306.00	CSC #54598
Preliminary Design	\$8,500.00	CSC #52950
Final Design	\$14,000.00	CSC #54224
Commission and Contingency	\$146,727.00	This M&C
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$211,533.00</b>	

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<b>Funding Sources</b>	<b>Amount</b>
2018 Bond	\$211,533.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$211,533.00</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 Carlos E. Flores concurs with the Art Commission's recommendation to commission Laura Walters to fabricate, deliver, and install the artwork *Parallel Evolution* for the Rockwood Clubhouse and Golf Course.

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**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 Rockwood Clubhouse 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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