

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 12/12/23

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 23-1029

LOG NAME: 03ALLIANCE PARK PUBLIC ART PROJECT

SUBJECT

(CD 10) Authorize Execution of an Agreement with Anitra Blayton in an Amount Up to \$179,000.00 for Fabrication, Delivery, Installation, and Contingencies for Artwork at Alliance Park, Located at 3800 Litsey Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76262, and Find that the Use of the Funds for Public Art for this Project Complies with the Voted Purpose of the Bond Funds (2018 Bond Program)

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the execution of an agreement with Anitra Blayton in an amount up to \$179,000.00 for fabrication, delivery, installation, and contingencies for artwork at Alliance Park, located at 3800 Litsey Road, Fort Worth, Texas 76262; 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:

Local artist Anitra Blayton's design symbolizes harmony and positivity and will be a landmark located at the entrance of Alliance Park. Inspired by the park's wetlands, Blayton will create a larger-than-life hummingbird drinking water. In order to mimic the quick rotation of hummingbird wings, the sculpture will have series of five (5) wings in various positions on each side of the bird. Each laser-cut wing will have detailed shoe tread patterns, reflecting the footprints of visitors which become one with the ecosystem. The artist will invite community members to submit pictures of their shoe treads via WhatsApp and will also collect them at a meet and greet event in the park.

The twenty-four-foot (24') tall sculpture begins with an exposed concrete foundation measuring four feet (4') in diameter and six inches (6") above grade. From the base, a translucent blue painted conical water shape reaches ten feet (10') in height, flaring outward with circular water ripples eight feet (8') in diameter. A mirrored stainless steel faceted hummingbird stretches upward, its body approximately fourteen feet (14') high and five feet (5') at its widest point. The bird's sandblasted stainless steel wings fan outward, making the overall sculpture twenty-four feet (24') at its widest point. The sculpture is in proximity to Litsey Road, the entryway and associated parking lot, and an existing pathway, making it highly visible to a variety of passersby.

Fort Worth Art Commission (FWAC) Action:

On September 25, 2023, the Fort Worth Art Commission approved the Final Design and recommended Anitra Blayton be placed under an Artwork Commission Agreement. The Park and Recreation Advisory Board endorsed the location of artwork on November 15, 2023.

Funding for the Alliance Park 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 Mayor & Council Communication (M&C) G-19401. The project is included in the *Fort Worth Public Art Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Work Plan*, adopted by the Fort Worth City Council October 17, 2023 as M&C 23-0844.

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 this project is anticipated to be a total of \$2,000.00.

| PROJECT BUDGET | AMOUNT | CONTRACT |
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| Arts Council Project Management Allocation | \$39,000.00 | CSC #54598 |
| Preliminary Design Contract | \$10,250.00 | CSC #57688 |
| Final Design Contract | \$16,750.00 | CSC #59477 |
| Commission Contract and Contingency | \$179,000.00 | This M&C |

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| TOTAL | \$245,000.00 | |
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| FUNDING SOURCES | AMOUNT |
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| 2018 Bond Program, Proposition B | \$245,000.00 |
| TOTAL | \$245,000.00 |

Funding is budgeted in the 2018 Bond Program Fund for the purpose of funding the FWPA Alliance Park 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, has agreed that 25% of all artists commissioned will be a minority individual(s) or a minority business owner(s). Arts Fort Worth and the FWLab Department will report its utilization to the Business Equity Division on a semi-annual basis at the end of March and September.

This project is located in COUNCIL DISTRICT 10.

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 Alliance Park project to support the approval of the above recommendations and execution of the commission contract. Prior to any expenditure being incurred, FWLab has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds.

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