

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 02/28/23

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 23-0188

LOG NAME: 84DONATION OF LIBRARY MURAL

SUBJECT

(CD 9 / Future CD 9) Authorize the Donation of the Mural Currently Installed at the Central Library Titled "Texas Tales" to Texas Christian University and Find that the Donation Serves a Public Purpose

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the donation of the mural currently installed at the Central Library titled "Texas Tales" to Texas Christian University; and
 2. Find the donation serves to carry out the public purpose of spreading awareness of art and literature to the citizens and students of Fort Worth, and that adequate controls are in place to carry out such public purpose.
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DISCUSSION:

The "Texas Tales" mural, currently installed at the Central Library, is an original artwork commissioned by the Friends of the Fort Worth Public Library, Inc. ("Friends") and donated to the City of Fort Worth (City). The City Council approved Mayor & Council Communication G-14350 on May 4, 2004 to accept the mural as a commemorative gift in conjunction with the Texas Literary Hall of Fame, which was established at the Central Library by the Friends in 2004. The mural, by artist Marjory Stark Buckley, is 8 feet tall and 14 feet wide. It was originally valued at \$24,000.00.

Prior to the Friends dissolution several years ago, the organization transferred custody of the Texas Literary Hall of Fame to Texas Christian University (TCU). Because it belonged to the City, the mural remained at the Central Library. The recent sale of the Central Library necessitates the mural be moved to a different a location. There is no other library location that can accommodate the size of the mural. Staff recommends the mural be donated to TCU, reuniting the mural with the Texas Literary Hall of Fame as originally created and intended. TCU has agreed to accept the mural donation and will pay all expenses to remove and transport the mural from the Central Library, therefore the City will not incur any expenses as a result of this action.

The mural is considered an asset to the City and is currently held in the City's financial records at a value of \$24,000.00. The mural will be removed from the City's asset records in accordance with current guidelines for the disposition of capital assets, leading to a loss in the amount of \$24,000.00 on the City's financial records for Fiscal Year 2023. This donation will serve to carry out the public purpose of spreading awareness of art and literature to the citizens and students of Fort Worth. The City will ensure adequate controls are in place to carry out such public purpose through the donation process.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This M&C does not request approval of a contract with a business entity.

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that approval of the above recommendations will have no material effect on City funds.

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