

City of Denton

City Hall 215 E. McKinney Street Denton, Texas www.cityofdenton.com

AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation

ACM: Christine Taylor, Assistant City Manager

DATE: July 15, 2025

SUBJECT

Consider approval of a resolution of the City of Denton accepting the donation of works of art, created by The Art Room, to be installed at the American Legion Hall Senior Center; and providing an effective date. The Public Art Committee voted to recommend approval (5-0).

BACKGROUND

In April, The Art Room reached out to City staff about the possibility of creating original art for installation at the ALH Senior Center as part of their annual community art project.

ALH Staff met with representatives from The Art Room and from those discussions three art works were proposed for donation: 1) a large (5ft x 10ft) mural featuring an artistic rendering of the original ALH building to be placed in the hallway, 2) a large fabric quilt (3-4 ft x 4-5 ft) featuring a Sankofa bird motif, and 3) an outdoor mosaic concrete bench featuring a Sankofa bird and American Flag to be placed between two unused planters.

The Art Room representatives also wanted to include mosaic Sankofa egg motifs on planters on either side of the mosaic bench, if resources allowed. Parks and Recreation staff and staff from The Art Room are working to finalize the exact details of the donated artwork. The mockups provide a sense of current proposals but are subject to change (see **Exhibit 2- Art Mockups from The Art Room**).

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends accepting The Art Room's donation and recommends its installation at the ALH Senior Center.

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW

The item was presented to the Public Art Committee on June 24, 2025, and was approved by a vote of 5-0.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Each element of The Art Room donation will have a maintenance component. For indoor items, maintenance should be minimal; however, some conservation work may be necessary during the artwork's lifetime. Exterior art will need to be cleaned regularly and inspected for damage. Currently, no funds are budgeted for art maintenance.

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet Exhibit 2- Resolution Exhibit 3- Mockups from The Art Room Respectfully submitted: Gary Packan, Parks and Recreation

Prepared by: Omar Siddiqi, Parks and Recreation