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AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET

DEPARTMENT: Parks and Recreation
ACM: Christine Taylor, Assistant City Manager
DATE: April 4, 2024

SUBJECT

Receive a report, hold a discussion, and give input to staff regarding the status of the following Public Art Committee projects:

- 1) Original Denton District (ODD)
 - a) Traffic Box Wraps
 - b) Development Services Mural
- 2) “Serve” Sculpture
 - a) Certificate of Substantial Completion
 - b) Minor remaining fixes
- 3) Continuing projects
 - a) Sycamore Street Mural
 - b) S. Bonnie Brae Sculpture
- 4) Art Maintenance and Repair
 - a) Dallas Drive Murals
- 5) Encounters with Art Status
- 6) TCA Letters of Request Process

BACKGROUND

This item is to gather feedback and provide updates on the ongoing, new, and proposed public art projects.

Original Denton District

Traffic Box Wraps

Installation should be complete on the Senior Center and TWU traffic boxes. Staff reached out to Jude Landry – the artist responsible for the Design Downtown Denton artwork – to adapt his design for a traffic box located near the Square (see **Exhibit 3: Landry Graphic Design**). This traffic box wrap will be located at McKinney and Elm, at the location of Old City Hall. The traffic box art that had originally been scheduled to be placed featuring art developed by Seniors at the Denton Senior Center – will instead be moved to a traffic box slightly further north, off Carroll Boulevard (see **Exhibit 4: Traffic Box Art Map**).

Development Services Mural

Jude Landry will also be adapting his Design Downtown Denton artwork for a vinyl art application to be placed on the wall above the main entrance to the Development Services Building. This location has the benefit of being visible through a large window above the entrance doors. Additionally, this wall is illuminated at night, which would allow the mural to serve as a vibrant pop of color in Downtown Denton 24 hours a day. Staff are currently working to determine possible vendors to install Landry’s vinyl art wrap. We have received one quote from the vendor we used previously to install the traffic box art but are also exploring other possible vendors for best pricing.

Christine Sanders “Serve” Sculpture

Ms. Sanders is finishing final detail work on this sculpture and will furnish the city with a transfer of ownership form shortly.

Continuing Projects

Sycamore Street Mural

Street work in the vicinity of the Sycamore Street Bridge is nearing completion. Street staff should be applying the final road surface on the bridge and its immediately surrounding streets. Once that work has been accomplished, Parks and Recreation staff will be in touch with Kirk Seese, the muralist the City contracted with to complete a mural on three surfaces of the bridge, so that he can start his work. We anticipate that once he begins the painted work will be completed within a few days. As a reminder, Seese plans a design that features monarch butterflies against a variegated green vegetal background, a design that was determined in consultation with the public, especially through conversations held with the Southeast Denton Neighborhood Association.

S. Bonnie Brae Sculpture – “Deer Moon”

Artist Robert Barnum is approaching completion of his aluminum and Corten steel sculpture that he created for installation near the intersection of S. Bonnie Brae and Old Bonnie Brae Streets just north of Vintage Boulevard, near The Vintage and Meadows of Hickory Creek neighborhoods. The design features the evocative figures of a buck, tree, hawk, and moon. Staff are working to finalize installation of the plinth and its surrounding context. A working plan for the sculpture’s installation is included in this packet (see **Exhibit 5: Deer Moon Site Plan**).

Art Maintenance and Repair

Dallas Drive Murals

City staff are reaching out to Dan Black for an on-site expert inspection of the Dallas Drive murals to see what repairs might be practicable given the surface damage to the concrete on one side of the bridge that has abraded portions of the mural surface. Staff are not expecting a rapid response from the Railway that owns the bridge and, since the surface damage is merely cosmetic and not structural, the Parks and Recreation Department feels it can carry out a repair to the mural if such a repair is feasible, in Mr. Black’s professional opinion.

Encounters with Art Status Update

After review of the TCA contract, the City of Denton has declined the grant due to contractual concerns and the inability for the contract to be amended.

Fig. 1: Encounters with Art Expenditures

COMPONENT	EXPENDITURE
Tejas Storytelling “Seasonal Stories”	\$2900.00
Music at the Senior Center	1400.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$4300.00

TCA Letters of Support Process

City staff wanted to clarify the process by which the City provides letters of support to organizations within the Original Denton District in support of those organizations’ grant applications with the TCA. A SOP was created to help clarify steps moving forward (see **Exhibit 6: PA 1.6 DRAFT Texas Commission on the Arts Letters of Support Procedure**).

Future Projects

Staff continue to make progress on public art related to future bond program construction. There are no new developments to report in this regard. As a reminder the recent 2023 bond vote resulted in roughly \$2.7 million for project-related public art.

RECOMMENDATION

None.

ESTIMATED SCHEDULE OF PROJECT

The S. Bonnie Brae sculpture is tentatively projected to be completed by summer, 2024. The remaining traffic boxes should be installed by May. The Sycamore Bridge Mural installation is expected to be completed by Spring 2024.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

Each project will have an anticipated maintenance need. Staff have received \$4,600 in HOT funds in FY 23-24 to support additional art maintenance.

FISCAL INFORMATION

1. S. Bonnie Brae Street Sculpture – (Project #450013467), \$25,000 budget.
2. Sycamore Street Mural- (Project #450017474), \$10,000 budget.
3. HOT funds: Current HOT Fund allocation for FY 23-24: Chairy Orchard (\$75,000.00), additional traffic box wraps (\$12,000.00), TCA grant matching (\$8,400.00), and art maintenance (\$4,600.00).

EXHIBITS

Exhibit 1- Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2- Presentation

Exhibit 3- Landry Graphic Design

Exhibit 4- Traffic Box Art Map

Exhibit 5- Deer Moon Site Plan

Exhibit 6- DRAFT TCA Letter of Support SOP

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